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Henry Seeks Maximum Penalty For Drivers of One-Lamp Autos

New Bill Bans Spotlights—Says Government Intends to Keep After Speeders—"Stop" Streets Working Well

Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, hurled warnings thick and fast in the Legislature yesterday. Speaking in the Budget debate, he went after the spotlight driver; the one-lamp driver; and the speed-demon driver.

The new bill which he had introduced earlier in the afternoon would, said Mr. Henry, take care of spotlights. They were to be done away with. The department, had no objection to the "ditch-lamp" of the type which is secured under the right front fender, and operates with the "dimmers," but the ordinary spot-lamp which had been abused in the past by "smart alocs," was to be no more.

Mr. Henry said that only during the last couple of years had the Province come to realize the menace that lay in the one-lamp driver. "I am now trying," said he, "to impress upon the municipal police—and they are largely responsible for enforcement of the act—that they must grab these one-

lamp drivers and give them the maximum penalty that the law permits."

Mr. Henry said it was the Government's intention to keep after the speeders. Extra police and educational methods had combined last year to cut down this type of offense, but the Government did not intend to let up in its campaign against the "whizz" artists. They, too, are to get the limit of punishment when haled into court.

In stating that bus drivers often broke the speed limits, Mr. Henry added a purely local touch. "I don't except the Toronto-owned transportation system, either," said he. "They have drivers who are just as big offenders as any others with which we have to deal, either in or out of the city."

Mr. Henry noted that "Stop Street" systems were working well in the majority of the cities of the Province. He thought that there might be better observance of the Toronto system, and better enforcement, too, of the regulations under which it is operated.