

Mr. Speaker Shudders As House Rules Broken

Unconscious Errors in Procedure Climaxed, Amid Laughter, by Cartoonist-Member Moving and Seconding Three Bills He Introduces

There were so many minor breaches of the rules of Parliamentary procedure in the Legislature before the orders of the day yesterday afternoon that the greying head of the genial Clerk—Major Alex. Lewis—almost turned snow white in ten minutes.

First, when motions were called, a back-bencher thought the Speaker meant introduction of bills, and immediately jumped to his feet. The amiable Speaker, Hon. T. A. Kidd, so much dislikes to discipline a member who makes an unconscious error that he let the matter slide, and so did Premier Henry, who was halfway to his feet when interrupted.

To make it worse, the same member read two bills at one time. Another member did the same thing, and still others blithely disregarded the traditional wording which procedure insists be used in introducing new measures for first reading. Still another member was too hasty in rising to move a bill and seriously annoyed the genial Major, who was interrupted in suavely completing the time-tested ritual.

But George T. Shields, the ubiquitous and perambulating cartoonist-member

for Toronto-Woodbine, took the prize and brought roars of laughter from the members, who were pounding their desks in hearty appreciation of his unique procedure.

Three times Cartoonist Shields rose to introduce bills. Three times he said: "Mr. Speaker, moved by myself, seconded by myself, I beg leave to introduce, etc."

The Clerk of the House, who is a stickler for procedure and author of the House's official book on that intricate subject, probably will have a soft word of advice to whisper in the ears of offending members tomorrow.

Convention Doom Approaching? Sinclair Suggests to Henry

Is it the destiny of three honor graduates of the class of '96, University of Toronto, to win political renown on the hustings and in legislative halls, only to meet with reverses at party conventions?

The idea was suggested by William E. N. Sinclair in the Legislature yesterday.

"I have known Premier Henry for nearly 40 years," he said. "He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1896. So did Right

Hon. Arthur Meighen. So did I. We were all honor graduates. The class of '96 produced front-benchers. The Tory Party terminated Meighen's public career. The Liberal Party terminated mine. The Premier remains to face his convention soon. He is of the ill-fated class of '96."

Then the leader of the Opposition directed a plea to the Premier: "For the sake of our class, get busy and do not make it three out—all out."