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MCCREA CONCLUDES DEFENSE OF HYDRO IN AFTERNOON HOUSE

Feature of Night Session
Likely to Be Challies's
Speech

DIVISION ON THURSDAY

His reply to the critics of Hydro will be continued this afternoon in the Legislature, when Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, rises to continue his speech in the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. The lengthy session this afternoon and tonight will be followed on Thursday by the final speeches on this year's version of the Legislature's annual debate, and it is then, it is understood, that the division will occur.

Mr. McCrea's speech is expected to be encompassed within an hour, and to be finished by the hour for the dinner adjournment. The feature of the night session will, in all likelihood, consist of the speech of Hon. George H. Challies, Provincial Secretary, who represents Dundas in the Legislative Assembly.

The problems which confront agriculturists will occupy the major portion of Frank Oliver's speech, if the anticipated address by the sole representative in the House of the U.F.O. comes to fruition. Frank Wilson, Conservative member for East Windsor, is another probable speaker today, and so, too, is William Newman, Liberal, from Victoria North, who may be relied upon to voice his dissatisfaction with the Liquor Control Act and the actions of the board.

Much interest is centred on the speech which Normal O. Hipel, Liberal member for Waterloo South, will make, and in which the subject of unemployment relief will, in all probability, be broached.

It is considered improbable by William H. Ireland, the Tory Whip, that the much-heralded address on Thursday night, in the Maple Leaf Gardens, of Right Hon. Winston Churchill will interfere with the division, anticipated to take place that night in Queen's Park. The call to duty will, it is imagined, successfully keep the members to the benches and they will readily, in that cause, withstand the lure of the British statesman's speech a few blocks eastward.

NIXON ASKS DELAY IN APPOINTMENT TO CHORLEY PARK

Would Have Ottawa Defer
Naming Lieutenant-
Governor

PRAISES ADMINISTRATOR

On the ground that such a step will save money both to Canada, to Ontario and to the gentleman who would otherwise be occupying Government House, Hon. Harry C. Nixon, the Progressive Leader in the Legislature, yesterday placed a resolution on the order paper that the appointment of a Lieutenant-Governor should be delayed for a year, and that the present Administrator, Sir William Mulock, should continue to hold the fort for that period.

Mr. Nixon, after the House adjourned, made it clear to questioners that this suggestion did not veil a move toward the ultimate abolition of the office of Lieutenant-Governor. He added that such action, in any event, would necessarily be a matter for the Federal Government, and would be complex in character, involving the amending of the British North America Act.

It is felt by Mr. Nixon that the office of Lieutenant-Governor can be very well performed at any time by the Chief Justice of the Province, and particularly by one of the calibre and efficient brilliancy of Sir William Mulock. He pointed out that the Dominion would be saved the salary due to the incumbent of Chorley Park, that the Province would be saved other expenses in connection with his office, and that he himself would be saved considerable personal outlay.

The resolution, which may not come before the House this session, owing to the congestion of the order paper, reads: "That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that no appointment be made at present to fill the office of Lieutenant-Governor, and we humbly petition the Government of Canada that no action be taken in this connection for a period of one year from the date of the passing of this resolution."

SEVERAL BILLS PASS COMMITTEE

Safety Clauses Are Added
to Steam Boiler
Act

Although the Legislature sat only half an hour yesterday, a number of bills, both governmental and private, were speeded on their way toward enactment.

With the House in Committee of the Whole, Hon. J. D. Monteith, Minister of Labor, spoke to his bill to amend the Steam Boiler Act, which provided for penalties for contraventions of the safety requirements. Under the terms of the bill, owners and manufacturers knowingly contravening the terms of the act will be subject to a heavy fine, and minor contraventions, not otherwise accounted for, will also be penalized.

When the House was in session, the bill of W. H. Elliott (Conservative, Rainy River), to amend the Municipal Act went through its second reading, and so did that, on a similar subject, of E. F. Singer, the Conservative member for Toronto-St. Andrew's. Later, six private bills passed committee stage. These were: Frank H. Spence (Conservative, Fort William), respecting the corporation of the Municipality of Palpoonge; William A. Baird (Conservative, Toronto-High Park), respecting the Queen City Fire Insurance Company; Mr. Baird, respecting Wycliffe College; G. W. Ecclestone (Conservative, Muskoka), respecting the Town of Huntsville; T. A. Blakelock (Liberal, Halton), respecting the county which he represents; and W. G. Willson (Conservative, Niagara Falls), respecting the Town of Fort Erie.

An amendment to the Public Health Act, and an amendment to the Embalmers and Funeral Directors' Act, reducing the Board of Governors from five to three, were introduced by Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health.