

Mar. 18.

Hutchinson had, in a public utterance before the Legislature, eulogized the Soviet Five-Year Plan.

"Mr. Speaker," protested the Kenora member, "I have never mentioned any such thing here."

General Hogarth stated that at the 1931 session he had coupled Mr. Hutchinson's name with the Winnipeg uprising in a somewhat similar statement, and that it had then passed unchallenged. "However, I am," said he, "bound to accept the honorable member's word under the rules of this House, and as my duty as a member of this House I do so."

LABORITES DEFEND EARL HUTCHINSON

Protest Hogarth's 'Cowardly Attitude' to Premier Henry

The charge of identification with the Communist uprising in Winnipeg in 1919, made in the Legislature on Wednesday by General Don Hogarth of Port Arthur, against Earl Hutchinson, Labor M.P.P. for Kenora, brought the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council to Mr. Hutchinson's defense with a resolution adopted at its meeting last night protesting to Premier Henry "the cowardly attitude of General Hogarth, who from a privileged place in the Legislature, slandered the only Labor representative sitting in the Ontario Legislature."

"I know Mr. Hutchinson well; he is one of my best friends," declared George Watson, President of the Toronto Labor Party, in moving the resolution, "and I know that at the time of the uprising Mr. Hutchinson was attending a union meeting in the United States. Furthermore, Mr. Hutchinson is, and has always been, one of the most conservative of labor men."

The Council protested a proposed placing of one-man street cars on Sherbourne Street, and appointed a delegate from the Council to the next meeting of the Ontario Railway Board.

CODY APPOINTMENT AS U. OF T. PRESIDENT DRAWS CRITICISM

Sinclair Fears "Grave Injustice" May Have Been Done Coliege

TO HAVE WIDE POWERS

Premier, in Reply, Says Dr. Cody Is Distinguished Graduate

Claiming that Canon H. J. Cody had always been recognized as a partisan, out-and-out supporter of the Conservative Party, participating openly in every Provincial election since the war in the interests of that party, William E. N. Sinclair, Opposition Leader in the Legislature, expressed the fear yesterday that "a grave injustice" may have been done the University of Toronto and the young people there attending in the appointment of Canon Cody to the Presidency of that educational institution.

There was no denying Canon Cody's attainments, said Mr. Sinclair. He was, he said, an Anglican clergyman of high standing, a gifted orator, a ready after-dinner speaker, but he was "the exact opposite of an educationist," being neither a teacher nor professor, and having little active contact with education. Moreover, his age was against him.

"No Place for Politician."

"The university Presidency is no place for a politician," submitted the Liberal Leader. "It is a position for an educationist. From talk around the university at the present time and among the undergraduates one cannot help thinking that Canon Cody's appointment came to him by way of a reward for the services he had rendered his party."

What had Queen's University done, he asked, when it wanted a Principal? "It had," he said, "appointed a committee of four men to choose one. They searched Canada and Great Britain before they found one. They sent a small committee to the universities of Great Britain. They chose after months of seeking a distinguished scholar of Oxford, a man whose whole life has been in the atmosphere of schools and universities—W. H. Fyfe. If Queen's so highly regards the matter of selecting a Principal, should not Toronto, a much larger university, express similar care?"

Not Personal Criticism.

Mr. Sinclair declared that his remarks regarding Canon Cody were not to be construed as "personal." "I make them," he added, "as an alumnus of the University of Toronto, not as Leader of any Legislative group, and I do not bind any member of my group to what I am saying. Just let me repeat that if Dr. Cody retains his partisanship it will not be long before results will show, and it will be an ill day for the university if that ever comes about."

The Liberal Leader quoted from various Provincial statutes to show the wide powers vested in the university President. No Principal (he said) of University College, or dean of any faculty or member of teaching staff of university, or of any faculty thereof of University College can be appointed unless he has been nominated by the President. No dean of a faculty or member of the teaching staff of the university, or of any faculty thereof, or of University College, may be promoted except upon the recommendation of the President. Further, no Principal of University College or dean of a faculty or member of such teaching staff may be removed from office except upon the recommendation of the President.

"This Legislature has given these powers," stressed Mr. Sinclair. "Power

in the hands of some may be perfectly safe. In the hands of others it may be dangerous."

Premier Replies.

At the night sitting of the House Premier George S. Henry delivered himself of a spirited reply in defense of President Cody. He was surprised, he said, that the Board of Governors' appointment of Canon Cody to the post he now holds had been questioned—surprised, in fact, that the matter ever had been broached. Every one would agree, he felt, that were a slate of the most prominent graduates of the university for the past 100 years been compiled, Canon Cody's name would be in the foremost rank of it. It was very fitting, he said, that when the university looked about for a successor to Sir Robert Falconer they had Dr. Cody within reach to take over the onerous duties of the institution.

"For he may be 63 years of age," said Mr. Henry, "but he is in the prime of life."

The Prime Minister reviewed at length the activities of President Cody, from his early days as "freshie" and lecturer at the university to his appointment as member of the Board of Governors, to the chairmanship of that body, and, lastly, to the Presidency.

For the past forty-five years, he said, he has been closely associated with the institution, knows its history from beginning to end, is an enthusiastic champion and supporter of edu-

cation, and has frequently been called upon to make recommendations and reports. It was ill befittings, he said, for Mr. Sinclair to suggest that he (Dr. Cody) had been given the position because of any political leanings toward any political party. Even when he (Dr. Cody) had sat in the House as a member of the Government, he had held the reputation of holding himself above mere political bias.