

CURTAILMENT, NOT FINIS, OF NIGHT CLASSES LIKELY

Advisory Vocational Committee Voices Opinion at Meeting—Subcommittee to Consider Henry's Communication

That there will be considerable curtailment of night school classes, but not much likelihood of their total disbandment, seemed to be the general opinion in a discussion of the night school work at yesterday's meeting of the Advisory Vocational Committee. Premier Henry's communication to the effect that Ontario educational boards may discontinue the night classes if the present financial stringency make them too great a burden was passed along to a special subcommittee of the board, which has the whole problem of night school costs under consideration.

The board's Business Administrator pointed out that there is an amount of \$160,000 in the estimates covering Principals' and teachers' salaries, caretakers' pay and sundry night school supplies. It would be scarcely possible to disband the present night school classes until March 31, so that half this amount would be required for expenses up to that time, he estimated, leaving roughly \$80,000 for the fall term, Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. As the board has revenue on evening class fees totalling approximately \$30,000, even if the classes were entirely disbanded for the fall term, it would affect this year's budget only to the extent of about \$50,000, he submitted.

Adult students, who are residents of Toronto, and who have heretofore received free tuition in domestic science, art work, designing, etc., through the part-time day classes,

will now be required to pay a fee of \$3, it was decided on the recommendation of Dr. Goldring, School Superintendent, who also suggested that the non-resident fee for part-time day classes in these subjects be increased from \$4 to \$5. Certain women have been taking advantage of the free day-time tuition instead of attending the night school classes, where there is a fee of \$2, which is not returnable, it was explained.

The meeting also approved recommendation of the School Superintendent that a new and more condensed booklet of information concerning secondary school courses for distribution among fourth book pupils replace the two booklets previously authorized by the board, "Information for Parents and Pupils" and "What Next?" The new booklet, "A Message for Parents and Pupils re Collegiates, Commercial and Technical Education in Toronto," has been approved by the various boards of secondary school Principals and by the public school inspectors, stated Dr. Goldring.

The committee referred to the board's Solicitor the claim of an Oakwood Collegiate student for outfit of clothing valued at \$12.75, which was stolen from Central High School of Commerce, while he was engaged in playing there on the Oakwood basketball team. The clothing, including trousers, shoes, goloshes and woollen socks, were taken from the dressing-room adjoining the gymnasium.

"He has brought up the fact that I am associated with a mortgage company, with which my family has been associated for some fifty years. He has gone on with a lot of cheap talk about 12 per cent. dividends, which he knows full well is not the truth. He knows that the earnings is not 12 per cent. on the investment, and he knows it full well," declared Premier Henry with some heat.

Mr. Nixon—I do not know it.

Salaries of Directors.

Mr. Henry then asserted that it was common knowledge that when the stock was purchased it generally cost around \$200 a share. "Then he talks of the salaries paid to the directors, and says that they were raised from \$5,000 to \$5,300. Does he not know that it was the salary for the Board of Directors which was increased from \$5,000 to \$5,300? The reason for this increase was that there was another director added to the board."

"Vas you there, Sharlie?" interjected a Government bencher, amid applause, the sally being apparently directed at Mr. Nixon.

Turning to the question of redistribution, the Prime Minister waxed sarcastic at the Progressive Leader's expense. "The member from Brant says that the cutting down of the number of members of this House would save only \$40,000, after having taken up the time of this House as he has. The member was just spreading himself to take up the time."

"I object," said Mr. Nixon, rising to his feet. "How about you spreading yourself last year?"

Premier Henry—I had something to say. He then charged the Progressive Leader with having "talked against time" to prolong his speech.

Mr. Nixon—Last year you kept us here until after 7 o'clock one time, and you had agreed not to go on.

Premier Henry—I have often kept you here, when I knew that someone was just talking for time.

Mr. Sinclair Complimented.

"I would like to compliment Mr. Sinclair on the wonderful spirit he has shown, especially here this afternoon," commented the Premier. "We on this side of the House will cooperate, if we can get away from party politics."

Answering Mr. Nixon's observations on the Abitibi deal, he stated: "I will rest my reputation in this Province on the purchase of the development from the Ontario Power Service Corporation." The Government had stepped in in order that the development might be proceeded with, and he challenged Mr. Nixon to give proof that the shares which the Government had paid \$90 for had ever been sold for \$17.

Mr. Nixon jumped up, with a copy of The Globe of July 25 in his hand and referred to an article which stated that the price of the bonds had jumped after the Government had indicated that it would purchase.

Proof Is Demanded.

Some argument ensued during which Premier Henry said: "If you have no more than that to show for it, then I will not reply to it." Opposition members thereupon called on him to prove that they had not sold as low as the figure mentioned.

"There was no hole-in-the-corner deal in this," asserted the Government Leader, and declared that all the

information respecting the purchase would be tabled, so as to be available for every member of the House.

"Some one has referred to Mr. J. H. Black, as if he was a villain," added the Prime Minister. "I think that my friend referred to him as the President of the Abitibi Company. I do not know if he is even a member of the Abitibi Company. As far as I know, he is only connected with the Dominion Construction Company, which has the contract with the Dominion Power and Service Corporation. He was only concerned in having the work gone on with, and with getting paid for it."

Mr. Nixon—How about the other contracts? Are they good?

Premier Henry—They are good in so far as they are worth anything. He explained this remark by saying that if the Abitibi and other companies in the area were successful in their developments, then the power contracts would be valuable. But if such developments were a failure, then of course the power contracts with them would not be of any value.

He then adjourned the debate.