

# HYDRO UNTARNISHED STATES DR. BRUCE PROROGUING HOUSE

## His Honor Sees Signs of Improvement in Commercial Outlook

### CEREMONY IS SHORT

"The untarnished record" of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission—a record which, as he observed, was sustained after many searching investigations—was a matter of comment in the optimistically worded speech from the Throne delivered by his Honor Dr. Herbert A. Bruce in the Legislative Chamber yesterday afternoon when he prorogued the fourth session of the Eighteenth Legislature of the Province of Ontario.

The brief ceremony was accompanied by the traditional pomp: a troop of R.C.D.'s escorted his Honor, with whom was his aide, Colonel H. M. Hilchie, from Bloor and University Avenue, to the Parliament Buildings, where Premier G. S. Henry stood to receive the Lieutenant-Governor. Ontario's first lady was seated beside the Premier's wife in the Chamber.

#### Farmers Better Off.

"It is encouraging to observe certain signs of improvement in the commercial outlook," Dr. Bruce stated, in the Speech from the Throne. Agriculture was, he declared, in a better position than it was a year previously, due to "the diminished surplus of products carried over, the upward trend of commodity values and the success that has attended the activities of the Marketing Board." His Honor felt the continued expansion of the gold mining industry was "a very helpful factor in promoting the revival of business."

He declared the work and dealings of the Hydro Commission had been carried out in every way with great skill and rectitude and on the highest possible principles and stated his conviction that this "is a vindication of the public confidence long enjoyed by the Commission."

Reference was made also to the recently arranged redistribution in the Legislature, reducing the number of representatives from 112 to 90, and to legislation enacted during the session, then being officially closed, for mortgage relief. His Honor felt the amendments to the Election Act would result in speedier preparation of voters' lists and in reducing the time needed for conducting an election.

#### Emphasis on Finances.

"No more important matter has engaged your attention than the finances of the Province," his Honor told Ontario's legislators. "The reduction of the general expenditure and the curtailment of grants and emoluments will go a long way, I trust, toward meeting the unusual demands upon the Provincial resources and maintaining the sound financial position of Ontario."

Dr. Bruce thought the Legislature had "provided a necessary measure of protection against a serious menace to the community" in giving authority to a judicial tribunal to prevent the publication of immoral, obscene literature, and voiced his conviction the public

would sustain its efforts in this regard.

The relief afforded the counties by school law amendments in respect of the costs of secondary education, and to townships in respect of grants to elementary schools was also cited, and reference made to the added economy in empowering the closing of schools with fewer than eight pupils and making arrangements elsewhere for those pupils' studies.

The amendments to highway legislation and to the Workmen's Compensation Act were also mentioned in the Speech in which Dr. Bruce conveyed his thanks to the members of the Legislature for their endeavors during the session. "I trust the blessing and guidance of Providence will advance the welfare and happiness of all our people," his Honor concluded.

Hon. T. Ashmore Kidd, Speaker, and Mrs. Kidd afterward received at tea in the Speaker's Chamber.

Warning was sounded yesterday by Colonel W. H. Price, Attorney-General, that all who wish to take advantage of the provisions of the Mortgagors and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1933, should acquire the necessary forms of application as soon as possible and should be careful the stipulated fifteen days after the passing of the act do not expire before they seek relief.

Royal assent was given this piece of legislation by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in the course of the prorogation ceremony. In a statement later issued by Colonel Price the act's provisions were outlined in detail.