

LATE DR. HARCOURT IS PAID HIGH TRIBUTE BY PARTY LEADERS

Reports to House Orders
From Last Session Re-
turned by Challies

SECOND READINGS GIVEN

Dr. George V. Harcourt, late Conservative member for Parry Sound, was remembered in three tributes delivered by the party chieftains during yesterday's session of the House. Premier George S. Henry said of Dr. Harcourt: "We all recognized in him a genial soul and one who took an active interest in the riding which he represented, as well as in the affairs of the Province as a whole." Dr. George McQuibban stressed the late member's professional activities and works of self-sacrifice and service, and Hon. Harry C. Nixon stated: "I can say, from personal contact with the people of his home riding, how well beloved he was up there."

Committee Lists Read.

Committee reports and the reading of bills preceded and followed the tribute paid to Dr. Harcourt and the passing of the McLaughlin resolution. Membership lists of the standing committees, which in several cases are composed of the greater part of the House personnel, were read by the Clerk of the House, as the report of the select committee which was authorized to prepare these lists last Thursday.

Answers to House orders dating from last year's session, were returned by Hon. George H. Challies, Provincial Secretary. These showed the costs of the Government garage and of trucks and cars bought in the years 1929-1932; the fees and services involved in the sale of law stamps; a report of the Trenton Cold Storage House inquiry; the amounts of Government expenditure and revenue affected by the cross-entry system, and other data. It was in this connection that Progressive Leader Nixon pointed out that some reports to House orders have been delayed and some have not as yet been returned. "I do feel that the departments might co-operate in expediting these returns," he commented. Premier Henry promised early action.

Speaking for himself and for W. G.

Wilson (Conservative, Niagara Falls), Marshall Vaughan (Conservative, Welland), briefly thanked both the donor of the land and the House when the Ridgeway Memorial Parks Act was presented for its second reading and passed.

Second reading was also given to the act to amend the Public Authorities Act, involving the protection of Sheriffs' officers, and the Act to amend the Trustees Act. In connection with the latter measure, Colonel the Hon. W. H. Price pointed out that at present trustees are unable to handle all bonds guaranteed by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and referred to Canadian National and Timiskaming and Northern Ontario bonds as examples. The proposed amendment will empower trustees to buy such bonds at their discretion.

As information, the Attorney-General observed that in Great Britain trustees are forbidden investment in Provincial bonds, but can invest in the bonds of Australian States because of the constitutional shade of difference between a State and a Province.

The Tile Drainage Act, introduced by Hon. Leopold Macaulay, also passed second reading. Explaining that the amendment concerned drainage schemes involving Provincial financial aid, the Minister of Highways pointed out that present regulations do not permit the Treasurer to examine these proposals until they have already been formally authorized by municipal by-law. The amendment would permit Provincial examination before the drainage schemes are adopted by the local authorities.

First reading was given a bill from Attorney-General Price amending the Summary Convictions Act in conformity with Criminal Code amendments passed at the 1933 session of the Dominion Parliament. As a result of the change, Subsection 1 of Section 13 of the act will provide for appeal "to the county or district court of the county or district, as the case may be, in which the cause of the information or complaint arose." Subsection 2 is repealed, and Subsection 4 amended to eliminate appeals to division courts.