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## 'OLD-TIME LIBERAL' DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Macaulay and Nixon Refer to  
Letter Appearing in  
The Globe

When the Legislature sitting opened yesterday afternoon Hon. Harry Nixon Progressive Leader, raised the question of a letter in the correspondence columns of The Globe, and read on Tuesday by Highways Minister Macaulay in the course of the final speech of the Address Debate. The letter was signed "Old-Time Liberal," and discussed the cohesion, or lack of it, in the Opposition Party's ranks.

Mr. Nixon claimed that when he asked Mr. Macaulay if he knew the identity of the writer, the Minister had replied in the negative, but offered to get the information. Mr. Nixon wondered whether Mr. Macaulay now was ready to divulge the name.

In reply, Mr. Macaulay explained that what he had sought to explain Tuesday was that, in publishing the letter, a paper of The Globe's standing would be aware of the writer's identity, whatever the non-de-plume used in its correspondence column. He had suggested that Mr. Nixon probably would be able to obtain the information from The Globe; if not, he himself might try.

## QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE ARE RAISED BY OPPOSITION

*Government's Answer Criticized by Hipel and Form of Inquiries Objected To by Premier and Finlayson—Relief Work Queries Fired by Earl Hutchinson and T. P. Murray*

Several members attempted to make the fur fly with questions of privilege at the beginning of yesterday's session of the Legislature. Earl Hutchinson (Labor, Kenora) introduced a letter signed by C. H. Fullerton, Deputy Minister of Northern Development, which the Labor member claimed substantiated recent charges of a Government authorization of a pay rate of 15 cents an hour in the North. This had been previously denied by Hon. William Finlayson.

Yesterday the Minister stated Mr. Hutchinson was confusing two matters that were entirely distinct. Describing various methods of relief work, the Minister stated, the letter referred to a system not employed during the present year.

Another question of privilege was raised by N. O. Hipel (Liberal, Waterloo South). Mr. Hipel's criticism was directed toward Government

answers to Opposition questions, and he asked whether certain questions would be answered before the Budget was brought down, claiming the Opposition could not intelligently discuss that document without the information.

Premier Henry replied the questions were being answered as rapidly as possible and declared the form of certain inquiries had caused much trouble to the departments. In the case of two specific instances mentioned by the Liberal member, the Premier countered that one would require time and work in the department. Mr. Hipel returned to the charge with the second question, involving highways, and intimated that Parliamentary ruling required an answer. From this the Premier strongly dissented, but Hon. Leopold Macaulay promised to try and bring the information down in short order.

Later the form of certain questions was criticized by the Premier and Mr. Finlayson.

T. P. Murray (Liberal, Renfrew South) presented a complaint charging that men working on the roads near Calabogie have not received pay in two months. Mr. Finlayson asked Mr. Murray to provide him with the letter containing the complaint.