

# Henry Disavowed By Heighington In House Debate

**Toronto Conservative Member Dissociates  
Himself From Leader's Remarks Imput-  
ing Cooke's Death to Probe Grilling—  
Stinging Rebuke From Hepburn Smothers  
Kidd's "Loyalty" Resolution**



M. F. Hepburn.

## YOUNG PREMIER SCORES VICTORY

**P**REMIER HEPBURN reprimanded former Premier George S. Henry for a declaration that the death of Hon. J. R. Cooke, former Hydro Chairman, "had some connection with the (Hydro) inquiry he was attending at the time of his death."

Wilfrid Heighington, Toronto member, hero of the

"Young Conservatives," and reputed aspirant for the Ontario Conservative leadership, publicly dissociated himself from Mr. Henry's reference to the death of Mr. Cooke.

A Conservative Party move, calculated to be embarrassing to the Hepburn Government, to have the Legislature formally notice omission from the Speech of reference to the King's twenty-fifth jubilee was forestalled on the basis of ethics by Premier Hepburn.

These were the highlights of the "first day" in the new Liberal-led Legislature—highlights which indicate swift passage from the pacific amenities of "opening day" to the commencement of embittered political warfare.

On his first day in the Prime Minister's chair, Premier Hepburn was considered to have led the Legislature like a veteran.



W. Heighington.

## Jubilee Motion

Hon. T. Ashmore Kidd, Speaker of the late Eighteenth Legislature, initiated the Opposition coup when the session was only five minutes old. The Speaker concluded prayers and the former Speaker rose from his seat. Press clippings were produced dealing with his Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

"I bring the matter up," said Colonel Kidd, "because no mention of it was made in the Speech from the Throne." The Colonel moved "that we, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects beg leave to express our continued feelings of loyalty and devotion to the Throne and to assure his Majesty that we anticipate with pleasure the opportunity of celebrating with him the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession."

The Premier returned answer before the Speaker could note the motion.

Colonel Kidd, he suggested, had probably read that three Cabinet Ministers had waited on the Lieutenant-Governor and discussed the Silver Jubilee program with him.

"Anything of this kind," the Premier said, "should originate with the Governor-General. The Governor-General does not desire publicity until it shall emanate from him. For this reason the Government side is not prepared to accept this motion."

The resolution debate bobbed up again when the Premier, at the close of the session, raised "privilege."

"So long," he said, "as I am Leader of the Government in the House I will try to preserve the niceties of the House. I think it usually customary to send notice of a motion to the Leader of the House—which was not done in this case."

### Sorry He Transgressed.

The abrupt move, the Premier said, had forced him to reveal information which was confidential. "I am sorry I transgressed," he remarked. "I want to put the blame where it belongs—on the Opposition members. I'll preserve the niceties whether they do or not."

Colonel Kidd declared that it was his intention to observe procedure, and citing chapter and section, insisted that he was in order.

"I was quite in order, but I apologize if I led the Prime Minister to transgress a confidence," he smiled. "I think my motion had nothing to do with the answer you gave me. It was simply an address of loyalty to his Majesty."

The Premier replied that he was discussing courtesies and not rules, and the controversy rested.



Colonel Kidd.