

## "Stupid, Small," Says Marshall Of Colonel Price

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Adds Angry  
Minister

A thundering barrage of invective electrified the Ontario Legislature last night as Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, opened fire on Hon. W. H. Price in defense of his political reputation.

"Silly, stupid, despicable, nasty, contemptible, small," were among the adjectives effectively used by the Minister as he took to task the former Attorney-General for having charged, last June, that Mr. Marshall had used corrupt election practices thirty years ago.

"I wish the rules of this House would permit me to express my contempt," said the Minister. "It was a campaign Tory slander carried on by a man who had no other: no teeth, no lips, nothing but a nose scented for slander."

"If honorable member denies he was that Marshall, I have accepted it," said Colonel Price, who pointed out that his information was derived from the Canadian National Review.

"I took the trouble to look it up—to see if there was a Marshall mixed up in that," the Minister of Agriculture thundered. "There was—Christopher Marshall. He was an Irishman. I'm a Scotsman. I never was a returning officer. I've never been in court as principal or witness. I've never sued. I've never been sued up till now. And, thank God, I've never spent a nickel on a lawyer."

Conservatives had talked of keeping the election on a high plane. "It was just that kind of hypocrisy which drove Robbie Burns to write 'Holy Willie's Prayer.'"

Colonel Price took the floor to repeat that if he had been informed he would have never connected the Minister with the scandal—that he had immediately denied the statement—and that his record had been good in this regard.

Mr. Marshall expressed his obligation for the statement.

## ONTARIO REVENUE UP

**\$1,055,345 Increase in Four  
Months**

Revenues of the Ontario Treasury Department for the past four months of the new fiscal year, November to February, inclusive, increased by \$1,055,345 over the corresponding period of 1933-34, Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn announced yesterday.

From Nov. 1, 1933, to the end of February, 1934, revenues were \$2,209,665, and this year they increased to \$3,265,000. Greater part of the increase was in collections of succession duties, which jumped from \$329,000 last year to \$943,000.

The Government plans to change the ending of the fiscal year from Oct. 31 to March 31. This year's Budget, as usual, will give the financial statement for the past fiscal year and will also include a supplementary statement for the five months from Oct. 31 to March 31, the Premier said.

## "TERROR" IN CIVIL SERVICE CHARGED

Price's Attack Sharply  
Countered by Premier

A charge that the Ontario Government has "degraded the Civil Service of the Province," and established a "reign of terror" by virtue of dismissal of Government employees, was hurled across the floor of the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Colonel W. H. Price, former Attorney-General in the Henry Administration.

The biting attack brought sharp retaliation from the Government benches, with Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn taking a leading part.

**Ex-Comptroller Defended.**

The name of Captain W. A. Orr, released from his position as Comptroller of Finance, was featured in Colonel Price's charge.

"I took Orr out of the City Hall and brought him here—he was an able civil servant," declared Colonel Price.

"Did Captain Orr tell you why he was dismissed?" the Premier asked.

"If you make any statements outside this House about Orr against his character, he'll shoot a writ at you—that's the kind of man Orr is," Colonel Price fired back.

"There is one thing Orr did say to me, and that was he thought you, Mr. Premier, had been decent to him," continued Colonel Price. "He told me you called him into your office and went over a number of matters with him, before you fired him. Why didn't you tell him he was fired when you had him in your office?"

At this juncture the Premier rose and explained the exact reasons for Captain Orr's dismissal.

"Captain Orr is responsible for the undervaluation of an estate to the extent that the Province lost \$600,000—we'll get that \$600,000."

"I'll venture to say you'll not get it," opined Colonel Price. "You go up against the National Trust Company and your friend Frank O'Connor and see where you get off at."

**Belittles Walters.**

Colonel Price directed his remarks to the appointment of Chester Walters, who, he said, had been given wide powers to go into all departments.

"You belittle Chester Walters," the Premier declared, "but since he has started to work there has been an increase in the Succession Duty Branch of \$600,000 for one month alone."

"Why," replied Colonel Price, "under the Drury Government one estate was valued at \$3,000,000 and I got \$8,000,000."

"Well, I don't take your word on that," put in the Provincial Secretary, who asked Colonel Price to name the estate in question. Mr. Price refused, however.

"The way Magistrates have been treated in Ontario is disgraceful," Colonel Price maintained.

"Any worse than McCaughrin?" asked Provincial Secretary Nixon.

"McCaughrin—oh, yes—why Nixon went up to Orillia and said that McCaughrin was one of the best Magistrates in the Province."

"I was never in Orillia in my life," returned Mr. Nixon.

"Well, where did you make that statement then?" asked Colonel Price. "The Government couldn't cut the civil servants' heads off fast enough, so they brought Mr. Walters in from Ottawa," continued the former Attorney-General. "I think it is time the Premier made a statement as to what will be done with these dismissed employees—they gave long service."

Then he declared Mr. Roebuck had appointed D. G. Walkinshaw, his "brother-in-law," as private secretary at \$3,600 a year. Mr. Roebuck denied the salary was that high. Also, Colonel Price declared, Mr. Roebuck sent Mr. Walkinshaw to the Hydro Commission to see about taking charge of Hydro insurance at a yearly salary of \$5,000.

"If that had been Mr. Bennett," interposed Hon. Harry C. Nixon, "he would have sent him to Washington."

"I wouldn't have objected if he had sent Walkinshaw to Russia," declared Colonel Price.

The former Attorney-General then promised that he proposed to take up every case of dismissed returned men "if it takes me until July."

## Marshall Condoles With Prime Minister

Regret at the illness of Prime Minister R. B. Bennett was expressed last night in the Ontario Legislature by Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture. Concluding his address in the Throne Speech debate, he referred to Mr. Bennett's capacity for hard work and to his being a former member of the Alberta Legislature. "I know that when the Prime Minister of Canada is going away he is sick, because he never shirks a job," he said.

## \$5,600,000 PROFIT EARNED ON LIQUOR

**\$36,933,657 Spent in Year**

Profits of \$5,600,000 from operations of the Ontario Liquor Control Board were turned over to the Provincial Treasury during the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 1934. Of this amount, \$2,500,000 has been turned in since Chairman E. G. Odette took charge in July last.

Actual profits were \$5,943,802 on the year's operations, which, with surplus at commencement of the term added, shows a favorable balance of \$6,414,475. Premier Hepburn tabled the Commission's annual report in Legislature yesterday.

**Sales Record Set.**

Sale of beer set a new record in quantity and value. Also there was an 8.7 per cent. increase in consumption of domestic spirits, but the value of imported spirits consumed declined 15.6 per cent.

Commenting in general terms on the showing, as far as liquor stores are concerned, Mr. Odette cited that net profits were greater than in the previous year, despite the fact that the sale of liquors was down approximately 6 per cent. This was by reason of savings which had been effected in operation, reduced personnel, reduced rentals and other economies.

"The sales of spirits, beer and wine from liquor stores," says the report, "together with the sales of beer to

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