

LIQUOR OUT OF POLITICS, SAYS 'DRY'

Youth Never Asked to Vote for Beer

Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn has it to his credit that he never went before a gathering of young people in the Province and asked them to support a measure for beer and wine, was the view expressed in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by William Newman (Liberal, Victoria), during the debate on the Speech from the Throne.

The veteran Liberal member digressed from the general talk of the afternoon on Hydro affairs, and dealt briefly with matters pertaining to freer sale of beverages, and also the question of unemployment.

His reference to Premier Hepburn came after he had recalled an address of former Premier George S. Henry before the Young Conservatives, during which he sought their approval of the Government beer and wine policy.

In connection with the beer legislation, Mr. Newman, who is well-known as a prohibitionist, said: "I believe a mistake has been made, but there is one thing, and that is that beer is in hotels and has been kept out of restaurants; and the Premier has banned liquor advertisements.

"The liquor question," he went on, "has been taken out of politics. If you want to give a temperance address now you can blame both parties. I believe this question is going to stay out of politics, too."

Concluding his remarks on the liquor question, Mr. Newman expressed the view that the Conservative Government during its term of office had been providing "gads" with which they were "whipped on June 19."

When the Conservative Government took its stand on the beer question, he said, the Province asked: "What will Mr. Hepburn do?"

"The record of that Government was such that if Mitchell Hepburn had gone wet they would have gone dry. If he had gone dry they would, as they eventually did, go wet on beer and wine. To have taken issue on either side would result in leaving it in party politics."

'Going Too Slowly? Then Let's Work,' Hepburn to Henry

Liberals Vote Down Tory Move to Adjourn Debate

(See also Pages 2, 11 and 12.)

While the House attempted snatches of song, the Ontario Legislature was divided by the Opposition last night on a motion to adjourn. A rigid Government vote, 47-14, killed the motion.

The division was forced by Hon. George S. Henry, and climaxed a heated battle over the adjournment of the debate. A Conservative member, A. H. Acres of Carleton, had twice sought to adjourn, reserving his right to speak later.

"You've been saying the Government's going too slowly," Premier Hepburn answered. Mr. Henry, as Opposition Leader, entered the battle and forced the vote.

"Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag," the Liberal benches sang, while the bells rang outside for divisions. The attempt died out, as did a rendering of "I'm tired and I want to go to bed," from the Opposition.

Up marched the Sergeant-at-Arms and the two Whips, and the division first in Ontario for the Prime Minister—went off without any difficulties.

British Basis Urged For Civil Service

Strachan Makes Plea to Keep It Free of Politics

A call for a more professional civil service—free of politics—was sounded in the Ontario Legislature last night by Toronto's young Liberal member, Ian Strachan.

In his maiden speech the member for Toronto-St. George's, also told the Opposition that Hon. Arthur Roubuck's Hydro arguments had not been refuted. "The public," he said, "is in no mood for political strategy in connection with this matter."

"I would welcome the day," declared Mr. Strachan, "when the Civil Service of this Province is placed on a basis more akin to that in England—when servants are employed on examination and politics do not enter."

On the question of Hydro, he declared "the public wanted to know what transpired at the Cabinet Council meetings when the contracts were approved.

"I might say that the members of the Cabinet Council are sworn to secrecy," put in Colonel William H. Price (Conservative, Parkdale).

"If the honorable member had asked a few questions at the Cabinet meeting there would not be this discussion on Hydro today, put in Mr. Strachan.

Mr. Strachan referred to "good Conservatives" who had fared well by Hydro in naming Arthur Meighen, Alfred Maguire, Loftus Reid and P. D. Ross of Ottawa.

"The Opposition," he said, had asked for a committee on the Hydro matter "but the public is in no mood for political strategy in connection with this matter. If there is anywhere that the responsibility of the Hydro contracts rests it is entirely with the members of the former Government."

Replying to a question of Colonel W. H. Price (Conservative, Toronto-Parkdale) asking why the Government, if it believed the Quebec Power contracts are illegal, didn't prevent the Maclaren-Quebec issue of bonds last fall, Mr. Strachan said a regulation of the Securities Act prevented action against bonds issued by a member of the Investment Bankers' Association.

Two Hydro Engineers Deny Power Approval

Ian Strachan (Liberal, Toronto-St. George) produced statements in the Legislature yesterday from Hydro engineers H. C. Don Carlos and E. T. Brandon denying these two engineers had approved power purchase contracts. Previously T. H. Hogg and R. T. Jeffery, two other engineers, had made statements denying they approved the purchases.