

Roebuck Parries Query by Price On Power Guards

**Is Amazed That Predecessor
Would Make Details
Public**

"I have no answer to make."

This was the comment yesterday of the Attorney-General when asked by Colonel W. H. Price (Conservative, Parkdale), in the Ontario Legislature, reasons for sending Provincial Police to guard Hydro property in the Niagara Falls area.

"I am amazed," declared Mr. Roebuck, "that the former Attorney-General, who has been head of police affairs in this Province for so long, should give me the opportunity of answering such a question."

"The talk shouldn't go around the country that something is seriously wrong," said Colonel Price.

"I have not said there is a serious situation," the Attorney-General returned. "It is not serious. By our action we are establishing public confidence, not shattering it, as is suggested. Again I say, I am amazed that the former Attorney-General should ask me to reveal reasons for this police action."

Yesterday's reports from Niagara Falls asserted that threats to destroy the plant of the American Cyanamid Company were responsible for the precautions that have been taken and approved of by the Attorney-General. Radicals thwarted in their attempts to organize the company's employees in a union are named as the source of the threats.

As the Cyanamid Company is a large consumer of Hydro power, it is reasoned that the guard has been placed over the power plants to prevent any effort to strike at the company in that manner.

Police yesterday refused visitors admittance to the Queenston Hydro plant, and warned off people who were seeking to take pictures. A ten-foot fence has been erected around the company property and the grounds completely floodlighted. A similar fence around Hydro property is being rushed to completion.

Report on Vets To Be Corrected

**Col. Fraser Hunter Suggest-
ed as Chairman of Legis-
lative Committee**

A Legislative Committee inquiry into the dismissal of war veterans from the Civil Service was suggested yesterday by Hon. W. H. Price.

When Premier Hepburn intimated to the Ontario Legislature that he had reserved a report on these dismissals for a correction of inaccuracies, Colonel Price capped the debate with the inquiry suggestion.

"I think this had better be shelved out in the open," he said. "I'm willing to have a committee of the House with Colonel Hunter (Toronto Liberal member and member of the Veterans' Committee reporting to the Premier) for chairman. Let's deal with this matter. It's too serious to quibble about."

Premier Hepburn took exception to the former Attorney-General's interpretation that "now the Prime Minister has had time to read the report and it doesn't suit him."

"I have read it," he said. "It isn't a true report, and I want to have the fact." Further, the Premier pointed out, there was no compulsion forcing him to "table" the document. Though he was very willing to provide the facts there was no suggestion that he was compelled to bring such a report down to the House.

Previously Premier Hepburn had explained that inaccuracies had been found in the report. Eleven "dismissals" in one department were found to be resignations, dismissals for cause "and one man who got drunk and never returned to his job."

"We are going to correct the report with the co-operation of the committee," he said.

Endorsement to the Premier's announcement was given by Colonel Fraser Hunter. To complete the report a long list of names had been tabulated under the heading of dismissals to which there had been no protest.

The man who quit for drunkenness would hardly wish it made public, the member commented.

Hepburn Policies Called 'Tammany'

**Tory Stalwart Terms Dis-
missals "Disgraceful
and Inhuman"**

Arthur Ellis, K.C., youthful stalwart of the Conservative Party in the Provincial Legislature, last night accused the Hepburn Government of introducing Tammany Hall politics in Ontario and causing a "disgraceful and inhuman" dismissal of 1,100 civil servants.

The Liberal Government, he charged, had not carried out "one single election promise—but they have brought into Ontario the spoils system of the United States."

"Tammany Hall politics, if they continue, will destroy the political system of this Province and bring about a condition similar to that in the United States. But what do you expect to happen when you have an Administration dismissing hundreds of civil servants and replacing them with men whose only asset is their political influence?" he asked his audience.

"Is the Liberal Government taking Hydro out of politics, or are they wrecking Hydro?" he questioned. Mr. Roebuck's attack, he charged, was merely a political one, but "Mr. Hepburn dare not carry out an investigation of the power purchases," he said. Hydro, he predicted, would come out unscathed. The Conservative Party would also come out clean, but the Liberals didn't want that to happen, he said.

GRATUITIES POSSIBLE FOR DISMISSED CADIS

**Roebuck Explains Provision
Made Under Superannu-
ation Act**

There was some superannuation provision for Magistrates who were dismissed last summer, Hon. Arthur Roebuck told the Legislature at Queen's Park yesterday.

An Opposition query had asked what provision had been made for retiring allowance to Magistrates "who have served their country faithfully for long periods."

"Full-time Magistrates," the Attorney-General answered, "who received all their salary from the Government came under the Public Service Superannuation Act, and were entitled to its benefits if the conditions were fulfilled. If not, they received back their superannuation deductions."

"The Magistrates of cities and towns who had attained 70 years of age could be granted a superannuation allowance by by-law of the municipality."

Province to Hear Views of Hunters

Provincial Secretary Nixon assured the Hon. George Challies in the Ontario Legislature yesterday that hunters, anglers, and all interested in similar sport, would be invited this year to appear before the Fish and Game Committee for the purpose of airing their views regarding departmental legislation and regulations.