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## Permanent Hydro Chairmanship Urged by Henry

### Holds Post "Certainly on Par With Judge's Position"

Creation of a permanent Hydro chairmanship was called for last night by former Premier George S. Henry.

"I think the position of the Chairman of Hydro should be a permanent one," he said, "for a long term, or appointed entirely as a Judge is.

"I wouldn't criticize this Government if they appointed a man of competence permanently to the Commission."

The country would then look to a man, he maintained, and have the assurance of a man at the head of Hydro.

The former Premier said that he had no criticism to offer of the present Hydro Commission, but charged that the appointment of T. Stewart Lyon was the paying of a political debt.

He had known Mr. Lyon for many years, during which he had been carrying on an important newspaper.

"One that is very often misguided," said Mr. Henry, "but a good newspaper in spite of its political leanings."

### "A Political Debt."

"I can't get away from the thought that this appointment is paying a political debt. Harry Anderson and his crew did a good job for the Prime Minister," Mr. Henry said. He did not blame an attitude which, he said, would give The Globe "a say" after the election.

"Mr. Lyon has been a genuine supporter of Hydro in his recent years though not too enthusiastic in its early days.

"I find that when Sir Adam started his work there was one Jaffray—owner of The Globe and Director of the Toronto Electric Light Company.

"I find," Mr. Henry continued, "that the records say that The Globe wasn't enthusiastic in those days—that Robert Jaffray as director was more interested in his other responsibilities."

As for Mr. Lyon, in his early days, "for years his enthusiasm would reflect the enthusiasm of the Senator for private interests and it was years afterward that Sir Adam got The Globe over as a consistent supporter."

## Nixon Dons Grey Tile

### Was Henry's Gift for Winning Brant

**T**HAT pearl-grey top hat and symbol of victory was donned in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Harry C. Nixon.

Former Premier Henry sent the headgear to the Provincial Secretary last summer after the election, in fulfilment of a promise that "if you win Brant, I'll give you the best grey tile in Toronto." Yesterday Mr. Henry was stoutly maintaining that his Government had placed many staunch Liberals in its service. Mr. Nixon clapped the top hat on his head.

Repeated applause halted the former Premier's speech. He grinned and noted the "Woodbine hat."

"This is the proof," said Mr. Nixon, "that for one time my honorable friend was wrong."

The Provincial Secretary refrained from cross-fire during the afternoon, but murmured something when Mr. Henry once angrily closed an argument with the statement that he would split no legal hairs with the Attorney-General.

"Speak out a little louder, Harry," Mr. Henry said.

"I was observing," Mr. Nixon explained mildly, and with a nod at the Opposition Leader's head, "that my honorable friend didn't have many hairs to split."



MR. NIXON AND "TILE."

## Liberal Attitude On Liquor Scored

A liquor fight boiled up into cross-fire as former Premier Henry resumed debate in the Legislature yesterday. The absent William Newman (Liberal, Victoria) was Mr. Henry's target. The former Premier described him as the apostle of temperance. "I think he would let me say the apostle of prohibition."

"Beverage rooms in dance halls," Mr. Henry thundered, "the last place where such things should be set up. Yet the Government allows it—and not a word from my friend from Victoria."

"Liberals' principles are always very easy," the former Premier charged. "They're strong prohibitionists when they're in Opposition, but they forget it entirely when they're in power."

The Liberal benches threw back counter-charges. Premier Hepburn held up application blanks for beverage sale in restaurants and said that 2,500 of these had been sent out.

"I knew nothing of any publication of that kind," said Mr. Henry. "Did you know you were Prime Minister?" the Premier retorted.

"I was more Prime Minister than you are"—and the battle was waged for several minutes.