

TAX CHANGE ON CORPORATIONS ASKED

Following his Budget speech forecast of changes in the Corporations Tax Act and Succession Duties Act, Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn introduced bills along these lines in the Ontario Legislature last night.

The corporations tax change provides, in computing the paid-up capital of an incorporated company for the purposes of taxation under the act, there shall be included all sums of money borrowed by the incorporated company by issue of bond mortgages, debentures or like securities.

The Succession Duty Act change provides that where an estate exceeds \$1,000,000 the tax for each additional \$10,000 shall be 1-100 of 1 per cent., and where it exceeds \$5,000,000, the rate of duty shall be 14 per cent.

In his Budget speech Mr. Hepburn estimated the change in the corporation tax would bring in revenue of \$7,600,000 in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1936, compared with \$6,371,276 in the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1934.

He also anticipated increased revenue from succession duties, expecting collections during the next fiscal year would amount to \$9,500,000.

HYDRO FLAT RATE?

Stimulate Industry, Says A. H. Acres

"For goodness' sake, let us get down to business," suggested A. H. Acres (Conservative, Carleton) in last night's Budget debate in the Legislature.

"It's ridiculous to go ahead and rehearse old campaign speeches, as has been going on here for six weeks," he declared.

Mr. Acres advocated a works program for unemployment relief, and promised Opposition support to such a program.

When the Conservatives were in power he advocated, even in opposition to the Cabinet, a flat rate for Hydro power, he said. With such rate, Mr. Acres believed, industry will be stimulated.

ATTACK ANSWERED

H. N. Carr, Liberal member for Northumberland, told the Opposition at Queen's Park last night that he had lined himself up with a Government remedy for the Hydro contracts when he spoke in the Legislature some weeks back.

The Liberal member's statement was in answer to an Opposition attack of Monday evening based on an erroneous report of his Hydro statements.

"I said," Mr. Carr stated, "that I hoped that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet will provide a way of breaking these contracts for unwanted power or adjusting them to a very radical extent, as the people of the Province must not continue to be mulcted to the extent of nine or ten millions yearly for the next thirty years for power which they cannot use. I have the welfare of the Ontario Hydro Commission at heart, but only so long as they keep the interest of the people of Ontario paramount, and I will commend any action that our Prime Minister takes in this regard."

Hepburn Greets Henry With Vase Full of Roses

When the Hon. George S. Henry took his seat in the Legislature yesterday afternoon after snatching a few hours needed sleep, he found a vase of roses on his desk. He rubbed his weary eyes, for he had been in the House about fifteen consecutive hours during the power contract cancellation debate.

Who, he wondered, had been so kind, but was startled to learn they

were from Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn.

"Say it with flowers," a card from across the Legislature floor read.

Mr. Henry enjoyed a hearty laugh, for only last week when the Hon. Harry C. Nixon received a bouquet of roses in the House on his forty-fourth birthday an Opposition member had suggested that some be put on ice and given to the Premier, so the latter, when meeting the power bondholders, could also "say it with flowers."

Premier Hints Revised Pacts?

But First Move Is Cancellation, He Says

Feature of the Legislature debate this (Wednesday) morning was a direct intimation by Premier Hepburn of the possibility of contract revision.

"I drew from the Leader of the Opposition," said the Premier, "that the first move he would make would be to revise the contracts. As I see it, the first move is to cancel the contracts."

Negotiations had been attempted and had encountered a maze of companies, holding companies and other ramifications.

"We can't vacillate on the problem," the Premier told the wearied, almost empty house. "We said the bill was going through. It is going through."