

# "I'd Hit Him Again"

—J. C. M. German, K.C.

## Corridor Mix-Up in Queen's Park

**T**HERAULT called me a stool-pigeon—and another name that would not be fit to print—and then I hit him. If he called me the same name I would hit him again."

J. C. M. German, K.C., gave this explanation last night of his actions when he tangled with Frank Therault of the Alberta Hairdressing Parlors in a sedate Queen's Park corridor yesterday afternoon.

### After Bill Was Killed.

The mix-up followed the decision of the Private Bills Committee against the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Bill.

Mr. German represented the faction opposing the bill.

Therault dived for Mr. German, but was prevented from reaching him by Mrs. Therault, who tried to protect her husband, and at the same time keep him from striking the lawyer.

At this point Dr. H. A. Hession, 1030 Dovercourt Road, stepped in between the combatants and halted the conflict.

Mr. Therault will attempt to have a summons issued against Mr. German this morning, and intimated to *The Globe* last night that he may bring a civil action against the lawyer.

"I was just walking along the corridor, about to leave the building," said Mr. Therault, "when I met Mr. German. I told him that his actions in regard to the bill had made more votes for the Conservatives than he had ever made for the Liberals.

"I told him that we hadn't been beaten cleanly, and that his gang had just had too much money for us. All of a sudden he struck me, and he struck my wife, too. I never dreamt that he would do that, and it took me completely by surprise.

"I don't mind saying that I can handle myself pretty well in a case like that, but his attack came right out of the blue sky. My wife was in hysterics."

A large crowd of spectators gathered around to witness the fray. Dr. Hession said that he heard Therault shout something about "stool-pigeon" just before the scramble.

Mr. German told *The Globe* that he was walking out of the room in which the Private Bills session had been held when a man and woman accosted him in the hall.

### "Struck My Wife, Too."

"I had told the members of the faction who were opposing us, to keep their mouths shut. Arthur Slaght was acting for the party who had presented the bill.

"The man and woman walked up to me and began to argue about the case," said Mr. German. "I told them that it was a lawsuit and that they had lost. Then he called me a stool-pigeon and another name that would not be fit to print. I hit him then, and if he called me the same name, I would hit him again."

## No Merger Planned For Toronto Area

No legislation is contemplated by the Ontario Government at the present time to effect amalgamation of any of the municipalities around Toronto, according to Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn, in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. The Premier was questioned in this regard by the Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Conservative, South York, after the Minister of Public Welfare had introduced a bill calling for the amalgamation of Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville.

## INSURANCE COMPULSORY ON AUTOS?

### 'Postponed,' Roebuck Says

Compulsory motor vehicle insurance peeped over the Queen's Park horizon last night when the House considered the current insurance amendments.

"I hope the time comes when every motor vehicle will be insured," Attorney-General Arthur Roebuck answered to a Conservative question. There was a problem in the annual visits of American tourists, he added, when he indefinitely postponed any consideration of such a measure with the forecast that it might come in the life of the Nineteenth Legislature, or 1938-39.

"A direct concession to the insurance companies," Opposition members charged, when the House approved of the clause including mother, father, brother and sister in the family groups denied automobile insurance suits.

It might well include mother-in-laws, Premier Hepburn suggested.

"The collusive claims are conjured up by the insurance company to get out of branches that do not pay," G. C. Elgie charged.

The bulky bill to amend the Insurance Act, which embodies miscellaneous minor amendments dealing with life insurance contracts, recommended for uniform enactment by the interprovincial insurance conference, held at Saint John, N.B., last September, was passed in Committee.

## "ANTI-CANCEL" DRIVE CLAIMED BY ROEBUCK

Evidence of an attempt to organize Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade pressure against the Hydro contract law was presented in yesterday's Legislature. Attorney-General Arthur Roebuck read to the House a request for anti-cancellation telegrams, which he said was signed in typewriting by W. H. Wood, Manager of the London Chamber of Commerce.

A form telegram was laid out for the use of any organization which would wish to place its name in the provided blank. It urged that the bill be deferred, although beginning with an appreciation of the need for public economy. The telegrams were to be addressed to Premier Hepburn or the local member of the Legislature.

"This circular," it read, "has been mailed to all Chambers of Commerce in the fourteen counties that comprise Western Ontario."

## MANY MORE JOBS

### Roebuck Reports Improved Conditions

**E**MPLOYMENT conditions throughout Ontario have improved substantially in the past year.

Attorney-General Arthur W. Roebuck, also Minister of Labor, in his annual report, tabled in the Legislature yesterday, noted there had been setbacks in the upward swing which commenced in the middle of the last fiscal year, but that they had been temporary. Increased employment, he reported, was apparent in all branches of activity and in all sections of the Province.

"The index number of employment, as reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was 99.5 for the year, as compared with 82.9 for 1933 and 91.1 for 1932. This advance of 16.6 points is the greatest change indicated for any year since 1921," he said, and on Oct. 1, 1934, the index number stood 15.2 higher than at the same time last year. The index number of employment is based upon the average for the calendar year 1926 as 100.

## SEPARATE SCHOOL TAXES

### Consideration by Legislature at Fall Session

Action on the request of Ontario separate schools for a greater share of corporation and utilities taxes has been deferred until the fall session of the Legislature, Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn said yesterday.

The Premier was questioned about the school taxation after Government members had told the Opposition there was very little legislation to be brought down before the session ends.

"The matter will be dealt with at the fall session," said Mr. Hepburn. "It has been impossible to make a survey owing to absence of the Minister of Education during the whole session. Plans are complete to make a thorough study of the problem."

"We recognize that an inequality exists," he continued. "This been recognized by previous Governments in the making of additional grants to separate schools. A practical solution should be applied, and that is the problem that we must solve as soon as possible."

## Ferguson's Car Stolen by Boys?

Reference to a 7-year-old incident, heretofore unpublished, was made in the Ontario Legislature early this morning when the Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, asked the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. G. S. Henry, if it were true that boys of Bowmanville Training School, had, seven years ago, stolen the luxurious motor car of the then Premier, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

"I never heard of it," said Mr. Henry.

It is understood that Mr. Ferguson's car was stolen, but only for a brief period, during his visit to the institution.