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New Industry For Ontario

Hepburn Announces Prop- osition to Develop Lignite Deposits

ONTARIO'S great lignite deposits are to be developed.

Premier Hepburn announced yesterday that a proposition has been laid before the Government by a very reputable company to promote a new great industry in the North. "The company believes," he said, "it can make use of a German process which will make the product of commercial value. We are particularly interested, not only because of the huge known deposits, but by reason as well of the business it would bring to the T. & N.O. Railway.

"Colonel Lang, Chairman of the Railway Commission, and the Department of Mines are working together on the project, and immediately after prorogation, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Cabinet.

"The estimate of tonnage with cheaper fuel available gives every possibility of another important industry being established in the North, and one which will also use natural products of that section of the Province."

The Premier said the situation called for early decision and action, and stressed the need of finishing the Legislature's session before Easter. With this in view he proposed an early conference with Premier Taschereau of Quebec for discussion of the pulp and paper situation.

Two or three proposals with regard to the establishment and rehabilitation of pulp and paper plants in Northern Ontario are now before the Ontario Government, he said.

They involve a realignment of timber concessions and are receiving earnest consideration, but it is not the intention of the Government, he emphasized, to do anything that would take from existing companies any of the present reserves which will interfere with the continuity of necessary supply.

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Hepburn to Wrestle With Big Problems on House Adjournment

THIS week's adjournment of the Legislature will enable Premier Hepburn and his Ministers, not to rest, but to delve into three matters of major Provincial importance.

They are:

Power contract situation;

Proposed development of lignite coal fields in Ontario;

Projected reorganization of the pulp and paper industry in the Province.

These and other matters demanded the Cabinet's early attention Premier Mitchell Hepburn announced in the Legislature early this (Tuesday) morning, as he expressed hope that the House would be prorogued by Thursday of this week.

Croll Denies Patronage in Relief Affairs

"New Toronto Never Hired Windsor Auditor," He Says

With the declaration that the Relief Department was beyond patronage, Hon. David Croll answered charges in yesterday's Legislature flung at relief and municipal affairs administration.

"When my honorable friend speaks of patronage in the Relief Department," the Minister told Leopold Macaulay, "he doesn't know what he's talking about."

Macaulay Charge.

Mr. Macaulay had charged that in the Toronto area one group of auditors had been "fired" to be replaced by Windsor auditors. "The Town of New Toronto never hired an auditor from Windsor," Mr. Croll answered, "and I never recommended an auditor from Windsor."

The Henry Government Minister charged that Mr. Croll had been high-handed in relief matters and predicted "grief" if the same attitude were adopted in municipal affairs.

"His mind turns too frequently to the City of Windsor, which elected him," W. A. Baird charged.

Minister's Plans.

The Minister high-lighted two of his ideas when he spoke of the amendment permitting a Relief Commission set-up and when he cited municipal tax increases—a statement of interest in view of Hepburn Government forecast of tax reform.

Real property, he pointed out, was carrying 90 per cent. of the municipal tax load; business, 7½ per cent., and incomes some 2½ per cent., "indicative of the tremendous burden on real estate."

In 1924-1933 per capita taxation in the municipalities had increased 35 per cent.—22 per cent. in the townships, 43 per cent. in the towns and villages, and 39 per cent. in the cities. In the same years the debenture debts had increased by 15 per cent.