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Legislature Bans Project For New Courts

Toronto Plan for Administrative Building Postponed Indefinitely

The Toronto Court House project—certainly in so far as it applied to Police Courts—was definitely hoisted at Queen's Park last night.

Admitting the courts were not as sumptuous as they might be, Attorney-General Roebuck saw fit to come to their defense. It must be remembered, he said, that construction of an administrative building would cost a great deal of money. "It seems hardly a time for the City of Toronto or the Province of Ontario to spend a great deal of money for a building for Police Courts."

The Attorney-General's efforts toward increased Police Court efficiency in Toronto were complimented by Colonel Fraser Hunter. "I made a promise," said the St. Patrick's member, "that I would clean out the worst den of iniquity in North America — the Police Court of Toronto."

Estimates for the department of the Attorney-General struck rougher waters when his predecessor, Col. W. H. Price took him to task for the telegrams which notified Ontario Magistrates of their dismissal last August.

"It isn't a question of reorganization—it's a question of the Province being courteous to its servants who have done no wrong." Colonel Price maintained as he described former Magistrates as feeling very badly and very bitterly about the matter.

"I certainly intended no discourtesy to these gentlemen," said Mr. Roebuck. "I don't think there was any discourtesy in the way this was carried out."

The Attorney-General reminded Colonel Price that the reorganization work had been done by the Deputy Attorney-General and the Inspector of Legal Offices—"and none could accuse them of doing that work politically."

Colonel Price rapped the handling of the Misner prosecution in London when he debated estimates with his successor. "It didn't look good," he said, in reference to the then Acting Crown Attorney Newton "for a man doing his best to get a public reprimand from the Attorney-General."

Jobless Insurance Plan Lacks Support

Price Motion of Approval Defeated — Legislature Prefers That Province Negotiate With Ottawa for More Adequate System

CONFIDENCE in the Ontario Government's ability to negotiate with Federal authorities and other Provinces for "an adequate system of unemployment insurance" for Canada was expressed by a vote of 67 to 17 in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon.

Hepburn's Amendment.

The vote was on an amendment, introduced by Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn—an amendment to a motion placed on the order paper two days after the opening of the present session, by Hon. W. H. Price, (Conservative, Parkdale)

The Price motion asked the House to approve of legislation introduced recently in the Federal House at Ottawa, in respect to unemployment insurance. Premier Hepburn maintained that this Federal legislation constituted an invasion of Provincial rights. He declared, however, that Ontario is prepared to waive these rights if, through co-operation, an adequate scheme can be brought down—a scheme whereby present unemployed in Canada are included.

When the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. George S. Henry, called for a division, the House divided almost on straight party lines, with Sam Lawrence (C.C.F., Grey South), and Farquhar Oliver, (U.F.O., Grey South),

supporting the Premier's amendment.

Speaking to the motion, Premier Hepburn agreed that unemployment insurance must be a national scheme.

"It is unfortunate," the Premier went on, "that the Federal authorities did not call the Provinces in before the legislation was introduced. It was purely a move of political expediency. It is clear to me that there will have to be co-operation between the Provinces and the Federal Government. This Province is prepared to forget Provincial rights and sit in in an attempt to bring in an adequate unemployment insurance scheme."

Overwhelming Majority.

At this juncture the Premier predicted that at the coming general election the Right Hon. Mackenzie King would be elected, as Leader of the Liberal Party, with "an overwhelming majority." In the Ottawa House, he said, the Conservative members "cheer for Mr Stevens and vote for Mr. Bennett."

ONTARIO BUILDING TO BE OPEN

At This Year's "Ex."

Ontario Building at the C.N.E. will not be empty this year, Hon. Duncan Marshall advised last night's Legislature. His statement did not satisfy Toronto Conservatives, who assailed the Government with the charge of discrimination against Toronto.

The building had been closed, Hon. Harry C. Nixon told them, because the Hepburn Government had promised economy. Money could not be saved on any vote, said the Provincial Secretary, without protest from some one.

Mr. Marshall said that C.N.E. authorities had advised him that there would be no difficulty in filling the building with rent-paying manufacturers.

His answer followed Russell Nesbitt's charge that the Provincial Building had become an eyesore rather than an advertisement.

"I cannot understand it," volunteered William Duckworth. "Thirteen days of the greatest show on earth and the Ontario Building closed."

"Could we put Tory members in as Exhibit A?" queried Dr. A. D. Roberts of the Sault.