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Henry Lashes At Beer Rooms

Liberal Member Opposes Government on Liquor Law Change

Lashing at beverage-room hotels, former Premier Henry, continued his attack against Hepburn Government liquor administration until the 1935 liquor amendments were passed through third reading in yesterday's Legislature.

One Liberal, J. E. Crawford of Fort William, stood with the Conservatives, and several Liberal seats were vacant when Mr. Henry forced a vote on a motion to recommit the bill to committee and strike out the clauses permitting beverage rooms in Galt, Wallaceburg, Lancaster and Alexandria.

"This section should be deleted from the bill," Mr. Henry insisted. "There should be left untrammelled the right of the people to express their views. Why don't you let the people's voice rule in Wallaceburg, Galt, Alexandria and Lancaster?"

The former Premier charged that 46 per cent. of all authorities established prior to Jan. 1 were not hotels at all—"dance halls, road-houses, stores revamped for the purpose." Half of the Province's authorities, he maintained, had not been providing hotel accommodations when the act was proclaimed last summer.

Premier Hepburn protested Mr. Henry's contentions as he charged that tourist camps were getting authorities.

"It's all too apparent that you are very nervous over the whole matter," suggested the former Premier.

"I'm sitting here."

"I don't think you will be very long."

"I think my tenure of office is much more assured than yours," said the Premier.

Delving into a discussion of "tied houses," the former Premier associated with the discussion the Ritz and Ambassador Hotels, which, he said, were under the McNamara Brothers of Windsor, and the Alexander, Brockton and Claremont Hotels, in Toronto, which property, he charged, was owned by the O'Keefe Brewery Company, Limited. Brewery-hotel connections were assailed by the former Premier.

Way Is Opened To Clear Slums

Amendment Will Permit Housing Schemes as Relief Work

A way for slum clearance was opened in the Ontario Legislature early this morning. An amendment introduced by Hon. David Croll and backed by Wilfrid Heighington would permit a municipality to undertake or participate in any scheme of slum area abolition.

"Subject," the amendment reads, "to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, any municipality may, as a relief work or measure, undertake or participate in any scheme for abolition of slum areas, or for housing in the municipality, which may be inaugurated or aided by the Government of Canada, or the Government of Ontario, or by the municipality itself, and the provisions of this act shall apply to expenditures of the municipality for such purposes."

HEPBURN SUPPORTS VIMY "PILGRIMAGE"

Vimy was remembered at Queen's Park yesterday by Government acceptance of an Opposition motion, and by Government announcement of "leave" with pay for veterans in the Civil Service who make the "pilgrimage" next summer.

"I want the member to know that the Government is with him," Premier Hepburn told Wilfrid Heighington who had moved—"that this House takes this opportunity of expressing its grateful recollection of the gallantry and devotion to duty shown by the men of Canada."

Mr. Heighington suggested the possibility of some financial grant from the Government toward the reunion, and the Premier said that he would be glad to take the matter under advisement.