

Legislature Opens For Second Session On Mourning Note

Guns Salute Lieutenant-Governor at Ceremony Dimmed Out of Respect to Late King

MOURNING hung over yesterday's opening of the Ontario Legislature.

The mourning was marked by the black bands worn by the uniformed aides of the Lieutenant-Governor, by the black ties worn by the formal-coated members of the Legislature, and by the scantily filled galleries.

Tribute to Monarch.

The salute of guns for his Honor was fired from the same place in Queen's Park where minute-guns had mourned the King, a fortnight previously. They barked yesterday at what seemed a much faster tempo.

As far as is known, the Ontario Legislature was the only Canadian Parliament, if not the only Empire Parliament, which had been called for the day following the King's death, and had then been postponed.

Tributes becoming this tragic coincidence accompanied the passing of a resolution of sympathy and loyalty to the new King, which was passed before any other business was taken up yesterday.

Officers Wear Black Bands.

Reference to the King's death was made in the Throne Speech by Lieutenant-Governor Herbert A. Bruce, after he had been escorted to the Parliament Buildings by a troop of cavalry and received by the infantry guard of honor, which was drawn up in the cold wind in front of the "buildings."

The Lieutenant-Governor spoke of the King's death in the first paragraph of the Speech from the Throne. Beside him, as he spoke, sat Mrs. Bruce in black. Two lines of aides stood in their brilliantly colored military uniforms in front of the Government and Opposition "front rows." They wore black bands around the arms of their blue, red and grey uniforms.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Bruce and the aides withdrew. The Speaker ascended his dais and read prayers. Then Government Leader, Hon. Harry C. Nixon, seconded by Opposition Leader, Hon. George S. Henry, introduced the resolution expressing the Province of Ontario's sorrow at the death of King George V and promising loyalty to King Edward VIII.

The resolution was adopted by a standing vote of the Assembly under a special ruling of Mr. Speaker N. O. Hipel. The Speaker then asked all present to stand for a two-minute period of silence.

"God Save the King," said Mr. Nixon, as he moved the resolution, "and may he be spared and guided to follow the footsteps of his illustrious father, is the sincere prayer of our hearts."

The Leader of the Opposition seconded the resolution with a tribute to the late King as a man who had risen to all the responsibilities of the Crown. W. Davey Smith (Liberal, Dufferin-Simcoe), former Speaker Colonel T. A. Kidd, Wilfred Heighington and William Newman, Victoria M.P.P., also spoke to the resolution and paid tribute to the late King.

Throne Speech in Brief

HIGHLIGHTS of the Speech from the Throne read yesterday by Lieutenant-Governor Bruce at the opening of the second session of the Nineteenth Legislature:

1. Legislation to provide a more equitable distribution of taxes levied for educational purposes. (The Government intends, according to previous announcements, to give separate schools a greater share of corporation taxes.)
2. Legislation to improve the organization of the rural schools of the Province.
3. Legislation respecting municipal taxation of income of corporations.
4. An amendment to the Gasoline Tax Act.
5. An amendment to the Game and Fisheries Act, the Minimum Wage Act, the Apprenticeship Act, and the Municipal Act.
6. New legislation to regulate fumigation.
7. Legislation to safeguard the interests of the public in the Province's forest wealth, and aiming at stability and permanence in the forest-products industry.
8. Certain new proposals will be introduced respecting agreements between the Hydro Commission and Quebec power firms.
9. There will be no forced conversion of bonded indebtedness. The Government is determined to honor all outstanding debentures in the exact terms of the contracts, and to spare no pains in maintaining the Province's credit.
10. The Province will levy a tax on incomes. (Changes in the previously published draft of the act were introduced yesterday.)

Empty SAYS HENRY OF Return

LONG-PENT-UP Conservative wrath took form at yesterday's Legislature when Hon. George S. Henry charged that a Government return of last year didn't have "any contents."

A Government return is usually a compilation of Government information or records which has been demanded by the Opposition.

Leader of the Government Harry C. Nixon tabled a handful of returns and reports yesterday.

"I trust there are no dummies among them," said Mr. Henry.

"Not a dummy," said the Provincial Secretary.

He waved his hand toward the Opposition.

"All the dummies are over there."

Conservatives would not say last night if the returns tabled yesterday included the one which Mr. Henry charged had no "contents."