

POLICE COURT CHIEF NAMED

Judge O'Connell Is Chief Magistrate

Judge Daniel O'Connell is to fill the recreated post of Chief Magistrate of the Toronto Police Courts, Attorney-General Roebuck announced yesterday.

The announcement was made in the Legislature and featured a peaceable winding up of the bitter Toronto Police Court debate, in which the Attorney-General and former Attorney-General W. H. Price engaged on Monday.

At the same time Mr. Roebuck announced that the commission of Max Clavir, suspended Toronto J.P., had been vacated. A report from Colonel W. W. Denison stated that Clavir was settling summonses before they were heard and recommended his dismissal for this irregularity.

The Attorney-General said that Judge O'Connell, following the precedent set by the late Judge Denton, would continue in his position on the Bench. To a question from Russell Nesbitt, K.C., he answered that the Judge would not sit on the Toronto Police Commission, and agreed that one man should not be connected with the administration of justice in three capacities.

Although the Attorney-General and the former Attorney-General wound up their Monday fight peaceably, each shot a couple of bursts of "last-minute" fire at his opponent.

The Attorney-General read a press statement saying the Toronto Magistrates had been fighting the professional bond racket for twenty years.

The Attorney-General had continued the improvement of the City Hall courts, said Colonel Price. But he sent Mr. Roebuck the name of a suspected professional bondsman across the floor of the House.

"There have been rumors of professional bondsmen," said Mr. Roebuck's predecessor, "and it's a very bad thing, because it's strictly against the law. The Attorney-General should watch Don Jail and the way people congregate there to get cases."

The fire crackled again when Colonel Price urged independent Police Commissions and regretted Police Commission appointments which leave the impression that a city is in control of the Attorney-General.

The Colonel also asked why the Commission investigating the Toronto police force had cut short its hearing. It may be necessary to extend the investigation and perhaps into the professional bond racket, he said.

The duties discharged by Max Clavir, former Toronto J.P., are to be taken care of by Norman Borins under an appointment expected from Attorney-General Arthur Roebuck today.

Mr. Borins, the Attorney-General said last night, is at present one of the Crown attorneys under Mr. McFadden, a lawyer, and experienced in the work of the Police Courts.

He will be created a Justice of the Peace.

U.F.O. MEMBER WILL SUPPORT INCOME TAX

One-Man Party Is Solid Behind Government on Bill

F. R. Oliver, only U.F.O. representative in the Provincial Legislature, yesterday pledged his support to the Government on the income tax bill.

"Mr. Speaker," said the representative from South Grey, who is in actuality a one-man party, "I think I can assure the Government that there will be no bolters from my party."

He would accept, he said, the Government's contention that money was needed for the good of the Province. Three reasons had been advanced for this need, and he could concur in all three.

The Government had said they needed the money to balance the Budget—"a real honest-to-goodness balance, not a mythical one." It was needed to arrest the debt indicator, which had gone up in recent years with alarming rapidity. It was needed in order that services rendered by the Province might not be curtailed or impaired.

He presented to the House the plight of the Ontario farmer, who had pared his expenditures to the bone in order to hang on to his farm in the hope of returning prosperity. Farm home after farm home was without a daily paper, and many without a weekly paper; telephone lines which once had 25 to 30 subscribers, now had only 4 or 5; farmers had stopped using electric light, he said.

"They are in no greater difficulty, however, than the small wage-earner who is trying to keep his home together. I say that these two classes must not be imposed upon further. Prosperity must return to these two classes before prosperity can return to the nation.

"The Government has decided to impose an income tax, and I most heartily concur, for I think that it will fall upon the shoulders of those people who are most able to bear it.

"I think those with larger incomes should add more than they have done toward the lifting of this depression.

"If we get money from these larger brackets it will give the farmer and the laborer a breathing spell, which they must have if this country is to make a comeback," the U.F.O. member said. He was "sick and tired" of the debate on the bill, and urged that it be pushed through as quickly as possible.

House Honors Heenan On His 61st Birthday

Tribute was paid in the Ontario Legislature yesterday to Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests, who celebrated his sixty-first birthday.

There was a basket of roses on Mr. Heenan's desk, and Attorney-General Roebuck called attention to the birthday.

The Minister felt he had the good wishes of the Legislature.

"I have the honor to represent a part of this Province, 334,000 miles in extent," said Mr. Heenan.

It was as large as nine States of the United States and also equalled the combined area of the United Kingdom, France and Belgium.

The distance from one to the other was as far as from Brussels, Belgium, to Limerick, "in old Ireland."

Due to its size the area was susceptible to political manipulation, and he pleaded for consideration of his problems in trying to administer the area.

NEW TAX BILL HAS AUTHORITY

King's Agreement Attached After Second Reading

The King's authority has been added to the Ontario Income Tax Bill. An amendment to that effect was the first move of the Government last night after the second reading was given and the House dissolved into committee.

Even though the Government introduced such an amendment, the action was not necessary until the third reading had been reached, Attorney-General Roebuck told the House, declaring that failure to attach the authority was "an alleged omission."

"Until a bill becomes an act, this is not necessary. It has no value whatsoever until it does become an act, and then it indicates the proper authority," he said.

The authority says, roughly, that by and with the consent of his Ministers, the King agrees to enact the measure. That being the case, said the Attorney-General, the clause would be futile if the measure were defeated in second reading. The King, he said, did not agree to the action until it had passed Parliament.

Government Dispenses With Deckhand

WHAT are the duties of a Government?

A sidelight on this age-old argument was furnished yesterday by a "return" tabled in the Ontario Legislature. It listed Provincial employees fired by the Hepburn Government and the Civil Service jobs they had been performing for the Province.

The list of dismissed Provincial employees included: "Eye specialist, gardener, blacksmith, maid, foreman, mattress maker, ice crusher, occupational therapist, laundress, psychologist, chef, assistant at bird farm, fireman on patrol boat, cameraman, hatchery assistant, and cook and deckhand on patrol boat."

Some 1,088 employees were requested to resign or dismissed from the Ontario Civil Service in the first nine months of the Hepburn regime, it was learned.

LEDUC CORRECTS MISCONSTRUCTION

Remark Not Intended for Veterans

Hon. Paul Leduc, Ontario Minister of Mines, rose on a question of privilege in the Legislature last night to put right a report which, he understood, was appearing in the morning press.

The Minister said he understood he was being quoted as saying: "I'm sick of these professional patriots." "I want it to be understood," he told the House last night, "that I was speaking, not of veterans, but of the people of the opposite side of the House who are making political capital out of it."

Wilfrid Heighington, as the House adjourned, said the reference should not be applied to an Opposition member.