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C.C.F. ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT PROVES FIZZLE

Sam Lawrence Mislays "Want of Confidence" Amendment

Because he apparently had mislaid or forgotten the ammunition, Sam Lawrence's biggest gun misfired yesterday when the C.C.F. member from Hamilton East was raking the Liberal ranks with verbal volleys across the floor of the Legislature.

When the doughty Socialist reached the peroration of his address on the debate of the Speech from the Throne, the House waited expectantly for the amendment of want of confidence in the Government, which, it had been whispered, he proposed to move.

But Mr. Lawrence, when he finished lambasting the Government's record, just pawed once through his papers, paused, and sat down.

And the reason advanced unofficially for the non-appearance of the amendment was that the only copy in existence was at that moment in the press gallery, being copied by eager correspondents.

Later, following the tea recess, the Hamilton member sought the Speaker's permission to introduce "an amendment," but was refused because he had terminated his address.

The amendment was to have pointed out that the Government "entered office with the promise to call a special session to deal with unemployment . . . and pledged itself to reduce taxation and Governmental expenditures," but had not, in the member's opinion, achieved anything in either direction.

Mr. Lawrence's address was devoted mainly to discussion of relief problems throughout Ontario, with special reference to Hamilton, and his remarks were largely addressed to the Minister of Public Welfare, Hon. David Croll.

He charged that worthy indigents in Hamilton were being refused relief because old-age pensioners shared their home; that pensioners' pensions were being deducted from relief allowances, and he charged other unfairness in relief administration. "You led the people to believe you would do better than the previous Government," he said, "but I am here to say that you have been doing even worse."

The member attacked legislation passed last year barring persons from holding public office because of non-payment of rent. This he termed "legislation with Fascist tendencies."

COUNSEL COSTS ONTARIO \$28,485

Cabinet Travelling Ex- penses Also Reported

Counsel in connection with the arbitration proceedings between the Niagara Parks Commission and the International Railway Company cost the Ontario Government \$28,485, according to a return tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Premier Hepburn.

Counsel to whom the sum of \$1,750 was paid were Kilmer, Irving & Davis and Kilmer, Bandriau, Rumbel, Gordon & Beatty. In addition, the sum of \$11,609 was paid to the arbitrator.

Included in the amounts paid counsel were \$300 for W. N. Tilley, K.C.; A. G. Slaght was paid \$200 per day for an unstated number of days, in addition to out-of-pocket expenses. F. W. Griffiths, K.C., counsel for the Arbitration Commission, received \$100 per day, and G. W. Mason, K.C., \$200 per day.

Travelling expenses of the Hepburn Cabinet since July, 1934, to date were also filed with the House.

The figures for July 11 to Oct. 31, 1934, were: Hon. L. J. Simpson, \$200; Hon. Peter Heenan, \$325; Hon. Paul Leduc, \$12; Hon. J. A. Faulkner, \$400; Hon. Duncan Marshall, \$300; a total of \$1,237.

For the period of Nov. 1, 1934, to March 31, 1935, the expenses were: Hon. Mr. Roebuck, \$35; Hon. Mr. Leduc, \$170; Dr. Faulkner, \$500, and Hon. Duncan Marshall, \$350; a total of \$1,055.

From April 1, 1935, to Feb. 28, 1936, the figures were as follows: Mr. Roebuck, \$348; Dr. Simpson, \$500; Mr. Heenan, \$500; Mr. Leduc, \$350; Hon. D. A. Croll, \$1,500; Hon. Duncan Marshall, \$1,150; a total of \$4,348.

Members Applaud Thrusts at Lawyers

LAWYER-BAITING was a popular pastime in yesterday's Ontario Legislature, which boasts a score of lawyers in its membership.

"Some of the honorable members sometimes say they're glad they're not lawyers," Wilfrid Heighington, Toronto K.C., suggested in the afternoon.

The Legislature desks were thumped in loud approval.

In the evening, Attorney-General Arthur Roebuck told the House that Hydro's 1933 legal expenses were \$114,632.

"Shame!" said Colonel Fraser Hunter.

Hydro's present legal staff were just as good lawyers, but didn't charge such fees, said the Attorney-General.

"May I suggest they're too high yet," said the Colonel.

The Attorney-General got back at Colonel Hunter within five minutes. Driving home a point, he said that it was the kernel of the nut.

"Did you say the kernel of the nut?" put in the Colonel.

"I didn't say the nut of the Colonel."

The Attorney-General had to tell the House that Hydro was a very important subject before the laughing stopped.