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## MOTOR LICENSE CHANGE ASKED

### Would Advance Purchase Date for Markers

Highway Minister McQuesten was asked in the Ontario Legislature last night to have the year for the life of motor licenses correspond with the Province's fiscal year, which ends March 31, instead of Dec. 31.

C. M. Macfie, Liberal member for Middlesex South, who made the request, said at present the purchase of licenses by farmers was difficult since they also had to pay their taxes at that time.

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, Goldwin C. Elgie, Conservative member for Toronto-Woodbine pleaded for more dignity in the Legislature debates.

Mr. Macfie praised the Government on its decision to rebuild worn-out highways and for assuming the cost of highways.

Following Mr. Macfie's address, Hon. Thomas B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways and Public Works, told The Globe that "this should be given every consideration. It is a point of view which had not occurred to me," added the Minister.

Mr. Macfie further suggested that more consideration in the matter of financial grants be given municipalities which had borne a large share of highway construction some years ago. On this matter Mr. McQuesten said: "It would be almost impossible to readjust this now, so far as capital costs are concerned." The Minister pointed out, however, that the Government was now bearing the full cost of maintenance.

## 'POLITICS' RAPPED BY COL. FRASER

### 'No Place for Honest Man'

Colonel Fraser turned "Dutch uncle" last night and told the Ontario Legislature just what was wrong with Ontario and Canada politics.

To a Legislature containing ten Ministers and four ex-Ministers, Colonel Hunter announced "that Ministries consist of men often in the past selected from mediocrity or obscurity."

Members of the Legislature making speeches to the Speech from the Throne (as the Colonel admitted he was) were told their speeches were "futile."

Hirings and firings in the Civil Service; government by Order-in-Council; passage of \$50,000,000 votes in thirty minutes, and debates "where the pot called the kettle black" were flayed by the Toronto Colonel.

"Politics," he summed it all up, "are no place for an honest man."

The Colonel preserved his Liberalism by absolving the present Administration from his catalogue of faults, and preserved his friends in the Legislature by telling them their sins like a story-teller tells a joke.

He made positive points with a denunciation of local particularism—"which saps the solidarity of Confederation"; with a plea for business-like Government work in committee; and with an appeal for the upholding of legislative rights. Otherwise he was not so gentle.

"The East thinks of the West as the daughter of the horse leech";—"Unless the Opposition changes its blocking tactics this Province will suffer the disaster of some such lunatic solution as that to which Alberta has been condemned,"—and "Politically in Ontario we seem, until today, to have been living in the age of Walpole," were some of his axioms.

Colonel Hunter talked at length on the separate school question, and said that the price of the repudiation of the Confederation compromise must be the disappearance of Canada, but said he wasn't saying much more.

"You can lick your chops," said the Colonel, "but you aren't going to get much out of me."