

## FREE HOSPITAL CARE IS URGED FOR VETERANS

### Treatment for Life Is Men's Privilege, Hunter Maintains

Free hospital treatment for life for all Canadian war veterans was urged in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Colonel F. Fraser Hunter, Liberal member for Toronto-St. Patrick.

"Every man who went through the war has a right to that privilege," he said. "It was granted to Canadian ex-soldiers shortly after the last war, but a succeeding Government restricted it to 'pensioners' only. Why this restriction? Who can tell when a man who has endured four years of hell will suddenly collapse—burned out by the war strain?"

The member also advocated subsidization of Northern aviation.

Colonel Hunter, completing briefly his contribution to the debate on the Speech from the Throne, which he began on Monday, received the unusual ovation when he concluded of having a dozen Liberal members join in an impromptu rendition of "Old Soldiers Never Die," led by Hon. David Croll.

J. A. Sangster (Lib., Glengarry), who followed Colonel Hunter, said it was worth coming a long way to see the change in the respective strength of the two main parties since the last election. The venerable Glengarry member, who has a firm hold on the affections of both sides of the House, defended the Government's power-contract cancellation policy, and noted that the disastrous reaction on Ontario's credit had not materialized as predicted. The Province never had been able to borrow at lower interest rates than at present. He outlined proposed Hydro System extensions in the Martintown, Maxville and Alexandria areas of his riding. And finally he praised the farmers who, he said, received very little relief, although only 100 of their number in the entire Province had paid Dominion income tax in 1935—"and they were top-hat farmers, not dirt farmers."

## ROAD SUGGESTED FOR PENINSULA

### Project Is Henry's Proposal

A road around the eastern end of the Niagara Peninsula was suggested in the Legislature last night by former Premier Henry.

Passing the suggestion on as an amicable hint to Minister of Highways T. B. McQuesten, the Conservative Leader, who was onetime Minister of Highways, said a road should be built west from Niagara-on-the-Lake along the shoreline to Port Welland. The route could then follow the canal to Port Colborne and go east on the present highway to Fort Erie and connect up with the Niagara River drive.

The suggestion was made when the former Premier was arguing for more public beaches and public lakeshore property. He suggested the road's route west of Niagara-on-the-Lake should be secured by the Niagara Parks Commission.

## Auto for Finlayson Cost \$4,329 in 1932

HOW the auto of William Finlayson, former Cabinet Minister, cost the Province \$4,329 in 1932 was told in the Legislature yesterday in a tabled memo of the costs of Cabinet Ministers' cars before Premier Hepburn put them on the auction block.

From 1930, the memo stated, twelve cars were bought with the public money, and the twelve cars cost \$31,091. The Cabinet Ministers' automobiles cost the Province from \$28,000 to \$34,000 a year in operation expenses. The operation expenses, the memo stated, included the uniform of the chauffeur.

The cost of operating Hon. G.

Howard Ferguson's automobile in 1930 was \$2,759. The bill for Mr. Finlayson in the same year was \$3,968. In 1931, car operation expenses for the Hon. and Rev. W. G. Martin, Minister of Welfare, cost the Provincial Treasury \$3,989. Mr. Finlayson's bill in that year was \$3,634.

George S. Henry's car-operation costs were \$3,145 in 1932. Former Attorney-General W. H. Price, in the same year, is down for \$3,476; Leopold Macaulay for \$3,715; Mr. Finlayson for \$4,329, and Mr. Martin for \$3,490. In the next year the Welfare Minister's car operation expenses cost the Treasury \$3,714, and George Challies was listed for \$3,302.

## PREMIER HEPBURN PRAISED BY HENRY

### Tory Leader Admits His Eloquence

Former Premier Henry admits Premier Hepburn can make a good address.

The admission was made in the Legislature yesterday, and the compliment was paid to the Premier's Budget speech of last year.

Tearing into the Liberals for making "campaign speeches" in the second year of their administration, Mr. Henry took a crack at members "addressing the Chair and saying nothing," and recalled that J. J. Glass had spent an afternoon repeating some of last year's material.

"You said it was a good speech later," broke in Mr. Glass.

"Yes, privately," admitted Mr. Henry. "I said you had used last year's Budget speech."

"You said it was a good speech," repeated Mr. Glass.

"It was a good speech," said Mr. Henry. "I'm always pleased to listen to the Prime Minister. He gets very far afield with his figures, but gives, nevertheless, a good address."

## SONGS ARE SUNG IN QUEEN'S PARK

### Members Enjoy Three Favorite Selections

Long repressed exuberance which somehow had survived four solid weeks of debate, burst forth in the Ontario Legislature yesterday as the members celebrated the end of the halfway mark of the session.

In the first place Colonel F. Fraser Hunter, Liberal member for Toronto-St. Patrick, sat down after an impassioned appeal for veterans' rights, to have the Government benches break into the strains of "Old Soldiers Never Die"—an unprecedented reception for a speech in the Legislature.

Then, prior to the division late last night, J. Frank Kelly, Liberal member for Muskoka-Ontario, attempting to lead the House in the popular fire-side chorus of "A Long Long Trail," found himself singing a quavering solo for an uproarious House.

Colonel Hunter later had more luck and more support when he started Alouette, but even that effort fizzled out at "a le bec."

Then, to top it all off, John Rowlandson, member for South Cochrane, fell off his chair in the back row of Liberals and crashed through the railing, in the midst of Hon. Duncan Marshall's speech.

## C.C.F. Disclaimed

WILLIAM DUCKWORTH, Toronto M.P.P., got up in the Ontario Legislature yesterday and told members his Conservative want-of-confidence motion in the Government was no C.C.F. motion. The Toronto member moved an amendment to the "debate" on Tuesday, which was seconded by Sam Lawrence, Hamilton C.C.F. member. He was going to remind the Government of its promises to the unemployed and he was not going to be stopped by criticism from any place, Mr. Duckworth told the Legislature.