

JUDGES ACT CHANGE PASSES

Would Appoint Ninth County Judge

Second reading was given in the Legislature yesterday to Attorney-General Roebuck's amendment to the County Judges Act, providing for the appointment of a ninth County Judge for York County.

No debate and little discussion took place, no mention being made of the widespread report that the new appointee would become Judge W. T. J. Lee's successor on the Toronto Police Commission. Mr. Roebuck contented himself with outlining the onerous duties at present on the shoulders of York's eight County Judges.

Second reading was also given, without discussion, to Mr. Roebuck's amendment to the Judicature Act, providing for the enlargement of the High Court of Justice to a total of thirteen, including the Chief Justice.

HOSPITAL COSTS FLAYED BY HENRY

George S. Henry protested in the Legislature yesterday against over-expansion of Ontario hospital facilities.

It was getting to be too much of a habit, said Mr. Henry, "and I say the medical profession is responsible, sending a patient to a hospital who could be treated at home. You might just as well lie in your own bed."

INQUIRY ORDERED FOR TOWNSHIP

An Inspector of the Department of Municipal Affairs has been despatched from Queen's Park to Chandos Township, Peterboro' County, to examine the financial affairs of the municipality.

This was revealed yesterday when T. P. Lancaster, Conservative member for Peterboro' in the Ontario Legislature, drew the attention of Hon. David Croll, Minister of Welfare and Municipal Affairs, to a report in *The Globe* describing privation in the vicinity of Apsley Village.

"At the present the task of administering relief in Chandos Township is complicated by the loss of the municipality's books, which the Treasurer reported he had dropped accidentally while crossing a stream," replied the Minister. "However, we rather suspect that something is the matter, and have despatched an inspector to the scene." Mr. Croll promised the Conservative member that a report would shortly be available.

Hepburn Presents Speech on Budget

PREMIER HEPBURN swings into action at Queen's Park today with Ontario's 1936 Budget speech. It will be the Premier's second Budget during his regime as Prime Minister and Provincial Treasurer. Expected to be a complete review of Province of Ontario finances, it is the only item appearing on today's order paper at the Legislature.

INCOME TAX VOTE CALLED "ABSURD"

A renewed attempt to push the bills supplementing the income tax law through the Legislature was stalemated by a brief flurry at the close of yesterday's session.

The first supplementary bill was put into Committee of the Whole by the Government. An amendment from Arthur Ellis, Conservative municipal expert, which would have denied a municipal vote to income taxpayers, was killed. Mr. Ellis again objected because the Opposition had not been advised of the technical amendments covering partnership, which had been forecast by Hon. David Croll, and the bill was allowed to stand.

"Utterly absurd—makes the Province look ridiculous," the Conservative member said of the clause which gives a municipal vote to certain payers of the new tax. Former Premier Henry agreed that the Government might as well give a vote to automobile license purchasers.

Mr. Croll reminded them that if the clause was not passed it would result in the disenfranchisement of voters in municipalities which had an income tax.