

others, has descended to slurs and quips, moves a motion of this kind, it is a most remarkable situation.

"Sitting in my place," said Mr. Henry, "when the member for Parkdale was speaking, I heard every word, and I am positive that the words read by the Prime Minister were not the words spoken yesterday by the Parkdale member."

Referring to claims by Mr. Hepburn and Provincial Secretary Nixon that they had received confirmation for their version of Colonel Price's words from the Press Gallery, Mr. Henry said: "The press boys are not by any means infallible. Day after day they make mistakes in their reports to their newspapers, and have to be corrected. We aren't obliged to accept their version. There is no Hansard here, and the press in no way fulfils the functions of Hansard."

Then, referring to Dr. Roberts's riding of Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. Henry made the remark which brought Mr. Heenan part way on to the floor when he said: "Sault Ste. Marie sits in a rather vulnerable position when charges are being made, having in mind some of the past actions of the Liberal Government in the vicinity of the Sault." And when Mr. Heenan, almost frantic with anger, demanded over and over again that Mr. Henry "stop insulting the Sault," Mr. Henry explained that he meant no reflection on the people of the Sault. He was merely referring to an election incident of 1903 in Algoma.

#### Withdrawal Urged.

Mr. Henry urged that the motion of censure be withdrawn, and suggested, in the interests of the dignity of the House, that the matter end with Colonel Price's explanation already heard.

William Duckworth, Toronto Tory, plaintively objected to the House "chewing the fat." He gave his version of Colonel Price's disputed remark, as did T. P. Lancaster, who followed and appealed to the Prime Minister as "a big man" to withdraw his motion.

George Challies, former Provincial Secretary, added his version of the contentious remark, and pleaded with the Government to adopt a spirit of "give and take."

Then came Arthur Ellis, Conservative from Ottawa South, whose tone suggested more exasperation than conciliation. He waxed ironical at the spectacle of his Majesty's Legislature sitting all afternoon to argue whether a member had said something or had not. Mr. Hepburn, he believed, would be sorry later for what he was doing, and the afternoon's activities would be a discredit to the House.

Mr. Ellis asked the Government not to use "the machinery of their majority" to push through what he described as a "cruel" motion. "I don't suppose it matters to you," he told the Prime Minister, "that I am disappointed in you. But I did think you were a better sport than to stoop to this sort of thing."

#### A Charge Levelled.

A charge that a 21-year-old clerk had been dismissed from the Northern Development office in Sault Ste. Marie by Dr. A. D. Roberts because the clerk was a Tory, was levelled in the House on Tuesday night by Colonel W. H. Price, former Attorney-General.

Dr. Roberts, who is the Liberal member from the Sault, had made promises that he would provide jobs, said Colonel Price, and had fired the clerk because he had to fulfil his promises. The former Attorney-General also claimed that contracts for 80,000 railway ties for the T. & N.O. Railway had been given to sixteen individual contractors who were Government supporters.

## FEE FOR RABBITS CONSIDERED HIGH

W. L. Houck, Liberal member of the Ontario Legislature for Niagara Falls, questioned D. J. Taylor, Deputy Minister of Game and Fisheries, at the Game and Fish Committee yesterday on the question of a reduced hunting fee for jack-rabbits and cottontails.

Many Americans, he said, felt the present \$25 fee was too high if they wished to come to Ontario for a day's hunting, but the Welland County Fish and Game Association and other border organizations opposed any reduction, so he wished the department's opinion on the matter.

Mr. Taylor replied and suggested the committee consider it.

## PATERNAL LAWS FOR BUSINESS TO BE STOPPED

### Croll Declares Halt to Similar Legislation; Florist Motion Killed

Welfare Minister Croll indicated in the Ontario Legislature Municipal Committee yesterday that the Government would call a halt to paternal legislation for business.

His declaration came during consideration of a Toronto proposal to give municipal Councils the right to regulate the florist trade in an effort to eliminate unscrupulous competition. The committee "killed" the measure.

"Sooner or later this sort of thing must stop," the Minister said. "We have bone-setters, hairdressers, barbers and all sorts of businesses asking for regulation and protection by legislation. The Government is seriously considering putting its foot down on this matter of regulating business."

Such regulation, he said, made it impossible to conduct business on a competitive basis.

Approval was given another bill providing that for municipal elections the city can keep the polls open for any eight consecutive hours between 8 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock at night. Change in the city's election date made it desirable to have the polls open until later in the evening.

The committee defeated a Toronto bill giving the city the right to prohibit the opening of private schools, hairdressing establishments or tea rooms in residential areas.

City Solicitor C. M. Colquhoun said the list of businesses the city already could restrict did not include those named in the bill. Mr. Croll replied restrictions could be secured through the Municipal Board.

## EIGHT-HOUR DAY CALLED FOR IN BILL

### Will Affect Ontario Government Contracts

An eight-hour day or forty-four-hour week at such wages as are current for competent workmen in the district, is provided in a bill affecting every Government contract or construction work in which Provincial funds are used, brought down in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. David Croll, Minister of Labor and Welfare.

The bill takes the place of a fair wage resolution which has stood for many years on the list of resolutions, and was inserted in every Government contract. The bill puts the fair-wage clause on a statutory basis. Penalties are set for offending concerns.

An amendment to the Maintenance of Parents Act, also introduced by Mr. Croll, provides that a person shall be deemed to be dependent under the act when destitute.

## PRICE TO PRESS RAIL CHARGES

### Would Summon Northern Men as Evidence

Colonel W. H. Price, Conservative member for Toronto Parkdale, declared in the Ontario Legislature yesterday he would summon Northern Ontario men who sold ties to the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway to testify before the Public Accounts Committee.

Colonel Price had charged Tuesday in his Budget debate address that contracts had been let for ties to sixteen operators without tenders. Premier Hepburn yesterday denied the charges, and this brought from Colonel Price the announcement the Public Accounts Committee would be asked to investigate.

Premier Hepburn charged Colonel Price had tried to give the impression the railway let the contracts and was "freezing out" the settlers. One of those mentioned by Colonel Price as receiving contracts was Charles Gallagher of South Porcupine, a former Liberal candidate. Mr. Hepburn produced Gallagher's affidavit which said at no time had he entered into a tie supply contract.

Mr. Hepburn said he would summon J. A. Kennedy, who, he said, was a former Conservative member of the Legislature, before the committee. Mr. Hepburn said that in three years, Kennedy's firm had supplied 171,000 ties to the railway under a contract let without tenders.

The railway now, said Mr. Hepburn, bought ties from settlers, and 265 settlers had contracts at the present time.