

GREED CHARGED TO GOVERNMENT

Toronto Tory Sees Rebellion Brewing

The Hepburn Administration was accused yesterday of "the greediest grabbing for revenue of any Government in the history of the Province." The words were uttered in the Legislature by G. C. Elgie, Toronto Tory, during the resumed debate on the Budget.

"Extravagance, Incompetence."

"If the financial records of the Government could be opened," he said, "there would be revealed the most astounding picture of financial extravagance and incompetence ever seen in the Province." An effort was being made, he said, to fool the people by talking of economy and a balanced Budget.

Money was being raised ostensibly for one purpose and then used for another, the Tory member charged, adding that the Government was morally guilty of breaking the law even if not legally culpable.

Regarding the Government claim that 13,000 men had been put to work in the Northern bush, Mr. Elgie declared that nothing whatever had been done in the shape of a relief-work program in Southern Ontario. The plan of putting 8,000 hostel inmates to work on farms had proved a fiasco, he charged, with probably fewer than 1,000 of the men gaining any permanent advantage.

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In its treatment of the unemployment problem the Hepburn Administration, he said, was like the physician whose only remedies were morphine and amputations, and who either scorned or did not understand more effective methods. He warned the House that, unless unemployment were in some measure relieved, unrest far exceeding that of the past would develop.

"Rebellion," he said, "is brewing among the stricken."

T. A. Blakelock, Liberal member for Halton, became entangled in debate with Leopold Macaulay and Hon. George Henry when the Conservatives questioned his references to the Middle Road, Toronto-Hamilton Highway. The Liberal member had been expressing the opinion that the Middle Road never should have been started, but that No. 2—the Lake Shore Road—ought to have been resurfaced and widened instead.

Mr. Macaulay inquired if Mr. Blakelock knew it had cost the former Government thousands of dollars to improve one curve on No. 2, and that the cost of resurfacing or widening would be colossal.

After protesting against "carping criticism," Mr. Blakelock proceeded with his speech.

SUNDAY SHOOTING URGED BY HUNTER

Game and Fish Committee Hears Suggestion

Sunday duck shooting was urged on the Game and Fish Committee at Queen's Park yesterday by Mr. Danis, a representative of the Cornwall Fish and Game Protective Association. The Eastern Ontario hunting representative said that duck shooting along the St. Lawrence and Lake St. Francis should only be permitted from sunrise until 1 p.m., to give ducks a chance for afternoon feeding, and should be permitted on Sunday in that region.

"You have got golfers who golf on Sunday," he said, "and fishermen who fish on Sunday. If the law is enforced strictly I think you could prohibit fishing on Sunday, under the Lord's Day Alliance Act."

C. M. MacFie's bill to ban hunters from any unoccupied land in Middlesex County on which they had not secured permission to hunt, was withdrawn, after Hon. Harry C. Nixon had said that its introduction would warn unsportsmanlike hunters of what the Legislature might do.

Mr. MacFie and G. H. Bethune, Wentworth M.P.P., spoke for the bill, but hunters present at the meeting successfully protested that it would be making hunting prohibitive, and shunt the Middlesex hunters out to the adjacent counties. They preferred, they said, some other means of dealing with the small percentage of hunters who admittedly abused their privileges.

"The bill has served a very useful purpose in bringing to light the abuses which have occurred," Mr. Nixon said. "Possibly with this warning of what lengths the Legislature may go we might let the matter stand in abeyance and see how it works out."

WORK IN HOMES TO BE LICENSED

Legislation Requires Permits for Individuals

Permits which can be cancelled for cause are to be required when manufacturing work for wages is carried on inside of a home by the terms of Welfare-Labor Minister David Croll's new law to strike at "home sweat-shop" abuses.

The legislation was introduced in the Legislature yesterday as an amendment to the Factory, Shop and Office Building Act. The new clauses set up a system of permits which employers and workers must obtain for any work on personal or household articles. The bill's explanatory notes said there would be provisions for inspection, and for cancellation of the permits for cause.

"To insure proper wages being paid," the permits are to be subject to compliance with the orders of the Minimum Wage Board.

The old law which is being amended did extend a limited protection to homeworkers in the large cities, in the Minister's opinion. But its restrictions, he feels, were insufficient to insure proper working conditions and wages, and it did not guard against manufacturers who sent such work outside of the big cities.

HIRED MISFITS, TORIES CHARGED

Henry's Northern Policy Assailed

All the misfits and incompetents from among the political friends of the former Conservative Government were dumped into Northern Ontario jobs, where many of them disgraced themselves and their party by drunkenness and outrageous conduct, it was charged in the Legislature last night by J. A. Habel, Liberal M.P.P. for Cochrane North.

The bilingual Northern member bitterly assailed the Henry and Ferguson Administrations in a two-hour speech, during which he concentrated his fire on what he termed disgraceful patronage and incapable management of Government affairs.

"All the impossible and useless men whom the Conservative Ministers could not place in their own ridings," he declared, "they shifted into my constituency and other parts of the North. In my riding we had some from the ridings of the late Minister, Mr. Dunlop, and Mr. Finlayson, and even a few from the forgotten Mr. Ferguson, and it was a shame to have to deal with such persons."

Ministers and priests of various churches, he charged, were frequently insulted by Government employees so drunk on their jobs that "it was simply disgusting to think that Ministers would let such things be done."

Under the former Minister of Lands and Forests, he proceeded, political friends of the Government were getting away without paying rightful dues to the Crown, by jumping from one pulpwood lot to another and stripping them of all saleable timber, free.

"On the eve of the 1934 Provincial election," went on Mr. Habel, "every person who wanted to work could have a job on the trunk road and on the byways. School children were even put to work to gain favor for the Government that was hoping for re-election, and in one case I learned that the teacher actually had to close the school on that account. Seed grain was given with the understanding that if the Government was re-elected, it would be free, but if the Liberals won, the seed must be paid for. During June of 1934, \$15,000 was voted to the district of Cochrane North, although every available man was already at work at \$2 per day."