

PRICE URGES "NATIONAL" SCHOOL PLAN

Quotes Priests as Saying
Protestant Schools
'Godless'

WHY SEPARATISM?

A ringing plea for the setting up of a national school system, designed for children of all races and creeds, was the keynote of the address of former Attorney-General W. H. Price, as the Legislature school debate neared denouement in the Legislature this morning.

"What a great thing it would be," declared Colonel Price, "if we could have a national school system in Canada. What an amazing thing it would be if we could build up a national character in Canadian children in a national Canadian school system. It is time, in my opinion, that the Provinces got together to nationalize some things regarding education."

Carry Out 1863 Bond.

Later he modified his implied urge for the abolition of separate schools with: "Under the act of 1863 the Catholics are entitled to separate schools and we, I am sure, are fully prepared to carry out that bond."

"For generations this school question has been a paramount and vexatious one in Ontario," Hon. Mr. Price said, "and I ask the Attorney-General now, as he sits in his seat, has he settled the question with this bill?" went on Colonel Price. "Those who ask these new concessions to the separate schools with one hand, and slam the public schools with the other hand."

"Schools of Infidels."

The Parkdale member then quoted Catholic clergy as having referred to public schools as "godless" and "schools of infidels."

He uttered a plea for "protection of majorities, for a change." In this country, he complained, the cry of "protect minorities was in danger of becoming a fetish."

He was glad, said Colonel Price, to see that the intermediate school bill had been withdrawn. He referred to it as "an insidious movement to split education in Ontario," so that a child could be kept under sectarian control almost from the cradle to the university.

"No wonder" he exclaimed, "the Government withdrew that bill. The separate school bite is big enough without another bite. I hope that bill, no matter who its sponsors are, will never again be introduced."

Why Separate Schools?

It was hard to understand, Colonel Price argued, why Catholics should regard themselves as entitled to separate schools. Why should not the

Anglicans, Presbyterians or Baptists have the same rights to schools of their own, he wanted to know.

The former Attorney-General turned to criticize the Quinn letter of 1934 and the Quinn speech in Oshawa in the winter

"We can't have 250,000 people, Anglican, Catholics, or anyone else saying they are going to make or unmake Governments," he answered Mr. Quinn.

"I don't propose as a legislature—in Government or out of Government—to take dictation in that way."

Liberals gave Colonel Price scattered applause.

Mr. MacBride got up and said that he, for one member, was not under any Quinn influence.

"There is a strong trail between the Quinn letter, the election of this Government and the legislation now before the House," Colonel Price charged.

The former Attorney-General asked Attorney-General Roebuck to confirm reports the act was to be amended.

"You should wait for the announcement," said Mr. Roebuck.

"The Attorney-General neither confirms nor denies." (Mr. Roebuck flung the same words at former Premier Henry on Monday.)

"BOILS"—"CUR" EARLY MORNING HOUSE BANTER

In a moment of tense silence during the last minutes of debate on second reading of the school tax bill early this (Thursday) morning, Premier Hepburn was again called a "contemptible cur" in the Legislature.

Hon. G. H. Challies (Conservative, Grenville-Dundas) hurled the slur at the Premier, and repeated it twice. But the Premier did not ask for a withdrawal as he did earlier this week when Hon. George Henry made the charge.

The Conservative member was speaking to the bill while Speaker Hipel was out of the chair and while A. St. Clair Gordon was taking his place. "Mr. Deputy Speaker," started the Tory, when Hon. Paul Leduc interrupted to say his manner of addressing the chair was not correct.

"You apparently know more about procedure," replied Mr. Challies, "than you know about the periodic reports from your department which we have been waiting so long to receive."

"No wonder he has boils on his neck," interjected Premier Hepburn.

For the past few days Mr. Challies has been wearing a thick white bandage on the back of his neck. The House fell silent while he turned to the Premier to reply.

"I throw the words back in the Premier's face—he's a contemptible cur when he makes a remark like that. I may be asked to withdraw and I will if I have to, but I repeat—the Prime Minister is a contemptible cur," said the Conservative.

Mr. Hepburn—No, no, I won't ask my honorable friend to withdraw—because I can see he has had a bad case of boils, and they say all the bad in a man comes out in the form of boils.