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CABINET FIGHT IS GIVEN DENIAL

Rumor Involving Hon. Peter Heenan Causes Merriment in House

A story that has been making the rounds at Queen's Park during the past few weeks, occasioning many chuckles, was officially denied in the Legislature yesterday when Premier Hepburn replied in the negative to a question from the Opposition as to a reported fight between two of his Cabinet Ministers.

The rumor concerns Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests. According to the tale, Mr. Heenan climaxed a warm session with a Cabinet colleague by picking him up and throwing him over a desk.

Wilfrid Heighington (Cons., St. Davids), interjected the affair into the House before the Orders of the Day when he rose and referred to an evening newspaper story concerning the alleged event.

Arouses Laughter.

"While we on this side of the House have heard that there is dissension in the Cabinet, we did not think it had gone this far," said Mr. Heighington, smiling. "If it is true, we would like to get in on it. There should be some one present in future to see fair play. I would not like to see the heavyweight Minister of Agriculture (Hon. Duncan Marshall) take on the lightweight Minister of Welfare (Hon. David Croll). Of course, I use the words in their physical sense (laughter). And I would remind the Attorney-General that in a duel a long time ago an Attorney-General was fatally injured.

"I would like to ask the Premier: is this a private fight or can anyone get in on it?" concluded Mr. Heighington, amid general laughter. Mr. Heenan had a smile on his face. The Premier did the replying.

"Using the words of the Opposition Leader in describing his group, I might say we are a happy family," said Mr. Hepburn.

Celebrates Birthday.

"Yesterday the Minister of Lands and Forests celebrated his birthday and I would suggest that if The Evening Telegram wants to pick on a member of the Cabinet, let them take someone a few years younger, like my honorable friend, the Provincial Secretary."

The Premier smiled as he turned and glanced at Mr. Nixon and then across at Mr. Heenan.

"Inasmuch as the Minister of Lands and Forests has denied the story, there is no need for me to do so," concluded the Premier.

Imperialism Is Explained

Good-Will and Ideals of Free Men, Says Col. F. Hunter

Colonel Fred Fraser Hunter, M.L.A., St. Patrick, delivered a brief but eloquent lesson on "True Imperialism" in the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

"And I hope it sinks home to a lot of people I know," he said afterward.

Ever since the war, he told the House, otherwise intelligent people had striven to conceal the word, "Empire," under such pussy-footing cognomens as "Commonwealth of Nations," or had gone about "spouting economic statistics" which proved nothing, and only added, he said, to the confusion.

"The British Empire is not held together," he said, "by the Ottawa agreements or because John Bull is always depicted as a fat, easy business proposition, paying nice dividends and employing hosts of people. There is no economic justification for an Empire in which each member, under tariffs, quotas and embargoes, does his level best to exclude the other fellow's goods.

"Racial affinity has nothing to do with the cohesion of the British Empire. What common racial characteristics could possibly exist between a Bengali Babu, a Cingalese, a Hottentot, a Fiji Islander, a Maoria, an Aigonquin Indian and, let us say, a man from Manitoba.

"We are linked together in the goodwill and spiritual ideals of free men and women, no matter what our race, creed or color. We are all Imperialists today and not ashamed of it."