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Apology to Speaker Is Made by Heenan

Defiance of Orders in His Flare-Up With Henry in House Brings Expression of Minister's Regret

The Heenan-Henry flare-up in the Legislature on Tuesday night was officially closed in the Legislature yesterday afternoon when the Minister of Lands and Forests made formal apology to Speaker Hipel for his defiance of orders to cease interrupting the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Heenan rose before the orders of the day and crowded galleries—in contrast to the few listeners who heard the fracas—leaned forward in their seats to hear what the Cabinet Minister would say.

"I wish to take the earliest opportunity, Mr. Speaker, of extending my sincere regret to you for the episode last night," said Mr. Heenan. "I admit I should have acceded to your order to refrain from interrupting the Honorable Leader of the Opposition, particularly when importuned by my Honorable Leader.

"I thought at the time I had real provocation. Those who sat with me in this House years ago must realize that I must have been seriously disturbed. This is the first time in the twenty-three years that I have sat in Provincial and Dominion Parliaments that I have shown resentment at an Opposition speaker, despite the urgency of some occasions.

"I tender my sincere regret, Mr. Speaker, and hope you will accept it in the spirit in which I offer it," concluded Mr. Heenan.

There was some desk-thumping from the Liberals when the Lands and Forests Minister resumed his seat, and Speaker Hipel then called the orders of the day.

ASKS ABOUT QUINT FUNDS

Henry Seeks Information Regarding Contracts and Obligations

The long-rumored Conservative investigation of the \$600,000 worth of contracts negotiated on behalf of the Dionne quintuplets by Hon. David A. Croll, their special guardian, took definite form yesterday when former Premier Henry gave notice to the Legislature of the following resolution:

"1. (a) What contracts, arrangements, engagements or obligations with respect to the Dionne quintuplets, or any of them, with respect to their persons or estates have been entered into by the Minister of Public Welfare for Ontario as Special Guardian under the Dionne Quintuplets Guardianship Act, 1935; (b) What contracts, arrangements, engagements or obligations with respect to the Dionne quintuplets, or any of them, with respect to their persons or estates, have been entered into by any active guardian appointed under the Dionne Quintuplets Guardianship Act, 1935.

"2. (a) What are the names of contracting parties, dates of services or rights given them, and amount of money received in connection with each of such contracts, arrangements, engagements or obligations; (b) What amounts are contracted for but still to be paid on any of such contracts, arrangements, engagements or obligations.

"3. (a) What expenditures have been made by the Minister of Public Welfare as Special Guardian of the Dionne Quintuplets and their estates under the Dionne Quintuplets Guardianship Act, 1935; (b) What are the amounts, dates of payment, parties to whom paid, and services and materials received in respect to each transaction referred to in paragraph 3 (a).

"4. (a) What expenditures have been made by the Active Guardians of the Dionne Quintuplets and their estates under the Dionne Quintuplets Guardianship Act, 1935; (b) What are the amounts, dates of payment, parties to whom paid, and services and materials received in respect to each transaction referred to in paragraph 4 (a)."

Bill for Floral Emblem Sponsored by Gardhouse

If William J. Gardhouse, Liberal M.L.A. for West York, manages to convince the Legislature of the correctness of a bill which he will bring down tomorrow, the Province of Ontario will have from now on as its floral emblem

the flower known as the "trillium grandiflorum," popularly called the "white trillium."

The Ontario Horticultural Society is said to be behind Mr. Gardhouse's legislation. In adopting such an emblem, Ontario will but follow the lead of Alberta, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, which Provinces have adopted the wild rose, the crocus and the mayflower as their respective emblems.

New Brunswick only recently adopted the violet as its emblem, and on the occasion of the Legislature opening there in February this flower was extensively displayed in buttonholes of those in attendance.