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## Premier Silent When Questioned If Coronation Plans Are Changed

Premier Hepburn is not telling just now what his plans are with regard to the Coronation. Pressed by Opposition Leader George S. Henry in the Legislature yesterday to say whether he intended to go, the Prime Minister remained silent on this point.

Mention of the Coronation came after the Prime Minister had introduced a notice of motion to the effect that morning sessions would be held, starting Monday, in order to secure prorogation before Easter.

"What's the hurry?" asked Mr. Henry. "If the Prime Minister wishes to go to the Coronation,

we should do all we can to assist him in bringing the season to a close, but I understand he has changed his mind. We are advanced in legislation and I see no reason for this hurry."

"There is no undue haste as far as the Government is concerned," said Mr. Hepburn. "It is usual to prorogue at Easter, and the only way to do it is to clear the order paper."

"I take it the Prime Minister won't intimate at the moment whether he is going to the Coronation?" inquired the Opposition Leader.

The Prime Minister made no reply, and the incident closed.

## House Widens Scope of Inquiry Into Case of Sault Member

Scope of the inquiry into the "Roberts case" before the Privileges and Elections Committee was widened yesterday to take in other matters affecting the position of the Sault Ste. Marie member in the House.

A notice of motion to this effect was adopted in the Legislature yesterday without opposition from Dr. Roberts, whose sensational clash with the Prime Min-

ister precipitated the inquiry. Mr. Hepburn sponsored the notice of motion and confined his remarks to reading it.

"In view of certain information I received by telephone from Sault Ste. Marie, I rather expected this move," said Dr. Roberts.

Hon. David Croll will act as Government counsel before the committee which is scheduled to meet today.

## Autos Must Hold Lanes

### Bill Would Make Crossing From One to Another Illegal

Legislation which will compel motorists, driving on three and four-lane highways in Ontario, to keep to the lanes specially designated for them, was introduced to the Legislature yesterday by Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways.

Although a number of such roads have been in operation for some time, the department has had no authority until now to prosecute motorists who have been using the centre lanes for other than the passing purposes for which they are intended.

The bill—which is in the form of an amendment to the Highways Traffic Act—also provides that at the top of hills on such roads the Department of Highways may stipulate that two or three lanes be used for travel in one direction, with the remaining lane or lanes designated for travel in the opposite direction.

## End to Land Tax Is Urged

### Dr. M. T. Armstrong, Parry Sound Liberal, Heard in Legislature

Abolition of the Provincial Land Tax, which he described as the most oppressive nuisance tax on the statute books of Ontario, was advocated in the Legislature yesterday by Dr. M. T. Armstrong (Lib., Parry Sound). He also urged repeal of those sections of the Statute Labor Act applying to unorganized townships, suggesting that as collections are "comparatively trivial," a survey be authorized and the loss to the communities in revenue be made up by the Government under the Colonization Roads Act.

Dr. Armstrong contended "the iniquitous" regulations in the Crown Lands Department which discontinued the sale of such lands and substituted therefor the present lease arrangement was the "most effective means" any body of men could conceive "to keep tourists out of our country."