

SEES HEPBURN MISLEADING THE PEOPLE

Legislature Supports Ruling
of Speaker by Vote
of 47 to 13

BOWS TO DECISION

Suggests He Would Be Sent
to Whitby if He Refused
to Accede

On a registered vote of 47-13 the Ontario Legislature late last night upheld a ruling of Speaker Hipel ordering Opposition Leader George S. Henry to withdraw statements that Premier Hepburn "for two years has been deliberately misleading or attempting to mislead the people of this Province" on the question of separate school grants, and that his Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. L. J. Simpson, had been "sitting idly by, assisting him in this nefarious practice."

Immediately after the division had been taken, Mr. Henry rose slowly to his feet and expressed wonder whether in case he did not withdraw his utterances he might be sent to Whitby, "along with others who interfere with members of the Government."

"I think this thing has gone far enough," protested Hon. Harry C. Nixon, who was leading the House at the time. "Let the Leader of the Opposition withdraw his statements."

"I bow to your ruling, Mr. Speaker, of course," said Mr. Henry, "but the people of Ontario know what the facts are."

Boos from the Liberal benches greeted this sally.

"I never knew of a more offensive term having been applied to the Premier," said Mr. Nixon.

"Aw, go on," clicked the Conservative benchers. "What about what your Prime Minister said of the Opposition this morning?"

The Liberals boomed again. Mr. Nixon moved the House back into Committee of Supply; the Speaker left the throne, and the stormy incident ended.

The situation developed when the House was considering the estimates of the Minister of Education, and Mr. Henry drew from Dr. Simpson what he labelled admissions that there had been nothing irregular with the Henry Administration's schools grants system, although the Prime Minister had repeatedly accused that Administration of increasing grants to separate schools and decreasing grants to public schools in his last years in office.

"I am glad to have this information," declared the Opposition Leader, "because the Prime Minister for two years has been deliberately misleading or attempting to mislead the people of this Province. You (Dr. Simpson) are sitting idly by assisting him in this nefarious..." His last word was drowned out in the roar of protest from the Liberals. Mr. Henry went on to say that Mr. Hepburn had been "hiding facts."

Ruled Unparliamentary.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, after momentary consultation with Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines, jumped to his feet, and demanded that the Chairman of Committee in Supply (Major James Clark, Lib., Windsor-Sandwich) rule as to the parliamentary permissibility of Mr. Henry's statements. Major Clark ruled they were unparliamentary, and that the Opposition Leader withdraw them. Mr. Henry refused.

"Then," said Mr. Nixon, white-

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faced and angry, "I will move that the committee rise and report the incident to the Speaker."

Major Clark stood before Speaker Hipel and recounted the situation. "Is that a fair recollection of what you said? I want to be fair," he said, turning toward Mr. Henry. "No, but you're the one making the report," Mr. Henry shot back.

Speaker Hipel asked Mr. Nixon and Major Clark, in turn, for their account of the language used by the Opposition Leader. It was given. He then asked Mr. Henry what he had said, but all Mr. Henry would say was, "The committee has reported to you."

Mr. Speaker: "What has the Minister of Education to say?"

Conservatives Admonished.

The Conservatives burst into laughter, and the Speaker promptly admonished them for their hilarity. "This is no laughing matter," said he.

"My recollection," said Dr. Simpson, "was the same as that reported to you by the Chairman of the committee. I think he (Mr. Henry) definitely linked me with the Premier at the same time he referred to the Premier."

Mr. Henry: "I certainly put you two together."

Wilfrid Heighington (Cons., St. David) interrupted the Speaker with a question: "We have available in this House a Committee on Privileges and Elections, and wouldn't it be the gracious thing to do tonight to refer this matter to this committee to determine if anything offensive has been said. We might do something here tonight," he added, with a veiled reference to the Price vote of censure of a year ago, "we might regret next year."

"Rot," said a Liberal back-bencher.

"I ask you to rule," put in Hon. Mr. Nixon.

In view of the fact that the Leader of the Opposition declined to repeat what he had said, declared Speaker Hipel, he would have to support the report as presented by the committee Chairman and rule accordingly. "I ask the Honorable the Leader of the Opposition to withdraw," he said.

"I did not use the words attributed to me," replied Mr. Henry, "and it is not possible for me to withdraw because I have reasons to believe and am in a position to know what I said, consequently I must appeal from your ruling, Mr. Speaker."

On Education Estimates.

At 12.30 this (Wednesday) morning the Opposition was still maintaining its close interrogation of the education estimates. On an item of nearly \$4,000,000 for school grants Mr. Henry appealed to Dr. Simpson to let it stand over. "Why not do that?" he asked. "We'll not pass this item for hours."

"I'm fairly fresh," said Dr. Simpson.

"I'm for this item standing over," declared Mr. Henry. "Or we'll talk all night."

"Go ahead," Dr. Simpson shot back.

Would Sit All Night.

Mr. Heighington also asked that the item be set over because it vitally affected the principle of the Government's schools tax legislation for which the Opposition sought repeal, and which would be under further debate later today.

A. Hollis Acres (Cons., Carleton) appealed to the fair play of the Minister of Education. "Let the item stand over," he said.

Dr. Simpson said that personally he was agreeable to the request, but,asmuch as he was not acting Leader of the House, he could do nothing about it. A moment or two later Provincial Secretary Nixon stepped into his seat, and Mr. Acres put the same question to him that he'd put to Dr. Simpson.

"We are going to sit here and complete the education estimates if we have to sit here all night," was Mr. Nixon's abrupt retort.

CHARGES J.P.'S GET \$50 A DAY

Roebuck Will Investigate
Allegation Against Forest
Hill Officers

SWEAR INFORMATIONS

Attorney-General Roebuck told the Legislature last night that he would investigate reports that Justices of the Peace in Forest Hill collected around \$50 a day from swearing information in connection with speeding and other Highway Traffic Act offences.

The matter was raised in the House by Leopold Macaulay, former Minister of Highways, when the Attorney-General's estimates for the forthcoming fiscal year were under consideration. An answer of the Attorney-General's that most Justices of the Peace appointments in Ontario at the present time were purely honorary, resulted in Mr. Macaulay exposing the alleged Forest Hill state of affairs.

"What is the fee allowed these Justices of the Peace?" he asked Mr. Roebuck.

"Fifty cents in municipalities where there are a number of them," said Mr. Roebuck. "Seventy-five cents, outside."

"On a busy week-end," said Mr. Macaulay, "many of them undoubtedly swear out a hundred or more informations. Don't you think it would be better to pay them, say a flat rate of \$5 a day?"

"I certainly do, if what you say is correct," declared Mr. Roebuck.

"Will you look into it them?"

"I certainly will."

Salary Plan Is Defeated

Legislature Opposed to
\$300 Gratuity for York
Councillors

The proposal to pay York County Councillors \$300 per year was defeated in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by an overwhelming majority.

The proposal was contained in a clause of a bill respecting York County. The \$300 would have replaced the per diem allowance now given to the Councillors. The bill had been reported by the Legal Bills Committee and had the support of Hon. David Croll.

Morgan Baker (Lib., North York) led the opposition to the measure. The people of North York, he claimed, felt that something was being "foisted upon them" by the Councillors.

"If the Councillors think they are not getting enough they have power to increase the amount," said Mr. Baker.