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Agreement Violated, Macaulay Charges

Asserts Shutting Off Reply on School Tax Repeal Broke Arrangement He Had With Both Whips

Following his ejection from the Legislature last night, Hon. Leopold Macaulay issued the following statement:

"Mr. Hepburn made a plea for harmony and fair play, and showed his unfair sporting spirit by gagging me—the first instance of the kind in a hundred years in Ontario history.

"After hurling dirty insults at Earl Rowe, Colonel Drew, George Henry and others, he shuts off a reply which he and his Whips had agreed to when the debate was adjourned yesterday. Yesterday when Mr. Henry introduced the bill, and Mr. Hepburn adjourned the debate, it was arranged by the Liberal and Conservative Whips that I should follow in reply.

"After all the insults and slanders against our leaders that he could pack into a fifty-minute speech, he shut off any reply and broke an honorable arrangement

of debate that had been made. How can Roman Catholics, Protestants, Gentiles, Jews, or people of any race or creed, expect fair play from a political dictator like Mitchell F. Hepburn? When Mr. Hepburn and the speaker refused me a hearing in the House, I thought that at least a few words in reply should be addressed to the public through the newspapers. Accordingly I addressed the Press Gallery.

"If that is a misdemeanor, all I can say, like Martin Luther, when he pinned his thesis to the church door in Germany, is this: 'God helping me, I can do no other.'"

Macaulay Is Voted Back Into His Seat

Henry Refuses to Second Motion Made by Premier Hepburn, But It Goes Through House

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night, on the motion of Premier Hepburn, the Ontario Legislature voted to permit Hon. Leopold Macaulay to take his seat in the House.

"A very unfortunate thing has happened here tonight," said Mr. Hepburn. "We all lose our tempers at one time or another," he observed, and he felt he was one who sometimes did.

"I regret very much that one of the members is absent, and I ask your indulgence and mercy, Mr. Speaker, to see if we can't straighten things out and have the member return to his seat."

The House was going into supply to consider estimates concerning the Department of Lands and Forests, in which Mr. Macaulay was interested, he said, and the Conservative member had a motion to be considered before the committee.

He would put a motion to the House to have Mr. Macaulay return if Mr. Henry would second it, said Mr. Hepburn.

"I certainly won't, in view of the disgraceful nature of the incident," angrily replied Mr. Henry.

"All right, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry we can't straighten it out," replied the Prime Minister. He then moved, seconded by Hon. Harry Nixon, that a motion be placed before the House inviting Mr. Macaulay to return to his seat in the House. After some protest, the Speaker ruled the motion in order and called for those in favor. The Liberals responded in an oral vote. There was no opposition when the Speaker called for those opposed.

The Clerk of the House, Major Alex. Lewis, went into the corridors to find Mr. Macaulay. Unable to find him, he phoned the member's home to leave a message regarding the decision of the House.