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tion. Due to the determined attitude of the companies' representatives, legislative action was a necessary prelude to negotiation, but cancellation itself was never intended as a permanent fixture. It was merely a means to an end, and the only means we possibly could have exercised that would have achieved the result we sought."

Mr. Houck said he could not believe that Mr. Roebuck could have been sincere "in the theories and policies" which he had propounded in the House on Wednesday. "For one who professes much sympathy for the man with a dinner pail," said he, "I would suggest that he (Mr. Roebuck) comes perilously close to emptying their dinner pail for them. Power is industry, and industry is employment, and I will leave it to members of this honorable House to consider just where that equation leads."

Mr. Houck advocated the establishment by the Governments of Canada and the United States of some Commission of competent authorities whose rulings on questions of boundary water agreements and international difficulties would be considered final and binding. In this way, Mr. Houck believed, speedy settlement could be given to problems which now were held up because of "red tape" and obstacles common to Governments.

URGES BONDED LAWYERS, CURB OF TAX EVASION

Parkdale Member Also
Makes Plea for Check
on Autoists

CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT

Three points in a legislative program to bond lawyers, curb millionaire tax evasion and check drunken and reckless driving, were recommended yesterday to the Hepburn Government in debate speech by Fred. G. McBrien, Cons. Parkdale.

The Toronto member, himself a lawyer, pressed most vigorously for a bonding measure declaring that every practicing lawyer should be bonded to protect the public from the misappropriation and theft of funds held by members of the profession on behalf of clients.

"Talk about your unions, talk about the C.I.O.," exhorted Mr. McBrien. "I tell you that members of this profession are almost autocrats. I have given this question a lot of thought and it is not as difficult as the Law Society would lead you to believe."

Says Need Imperative.

He brought to bear also his professional knowledge on the driving problem and contended that it was imperative, since the Government had increased the speed limit, to strengthen penalties to curb drunken and reckless driving. On the third point, already mentioned by Prefier Hepburn before and during the current session, the member declared in general terms that there should be legislation that would prevent "wealthy millionaires" evading tax payments by the formation of outside holding companies or withdrawal to a foreign retreat.

Mr. McBrien, who first entered the House in 1923, early in his address, assumed the mantle of an elder statesman and in rapid-fire comment alternately sent shafts of criticism into the Government benches and spoke of legislative matters past and present.

Awakens Legislators.

In traditional form, he uttered traditional expressions of congratulation to this one and to that one to a slightly bored House which came to attention suddenly as he thanked the Government for not having spent any more money in his riding at election time or otherwise he would not have won his seat.

"It was," he said sadly, "the toughest election I ever went through."

"Wait until the next one," suggested Mr. Hepburn.

"You're the one who will have to worry about the next one," Mr. McBrien retorted.

Mr. McBrien said that the most important thing in the Throne Speech to him was the reference to rural power expansion and the 13,000 new customers. "It is a wonderful policy and I hope the Conservative Party will go further and abolish the rural service charge entirely."

"Even in the old days this was known as the 'Bad Boys' Row," he claimed. "There they were directly under the eye of the Prime Minister on the theory vigilance was the price of safety."

He recalled, too, that Mr. Roebuck held the seat of one who was once an embarrassment to the Government and who was wiped out by a redistribution bill.

"I warn you," he said, "history sometimes repeats itself."

MacBride Not Overlooked.

He recalled how Hon. M. M. MacBride, now Minister of Labor, once held forth as a Labor Member. Then he became a Conservative and now a Liberal.

"He always supported the Government that was in power," he said in reminiscent mood.

He then told the House how he was interested in the project of establishing sweepstakes to raise funds for hospitals. He said he wrote to Dublin for information and was given in return a brochure and much to his delight on a certain page, among all the dignitaries supporting the Irish Free State hospital sweepstakes, he found the picture of Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests, and once a Labor leader. He showed the portrait to the House and canvassed the support of the Minister, when and if, he sponsored a private bill seeking legalization of sweepstakes.

HOUSE TO GET POWER PACTS BILL MONDAY

Legislation Is to Validate
Agreements for Quebec
Purchases

SANATORIA BILL PASSED

Legislation to validate the Quebec power purchase agreements will be brought down in the Ontario Legislature on Monday, Premier Hepburn said, immediately before adjournment yesterday.

It had been the Government's intention, he said, to introduce the bill on Wednesday, but legal difficulties had forced the delay.

At the Premier's request, the House gave second reading and passed through committee, the bill to amend the Private Sanatoria Act. The legislation gives authority to appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners to investigate private sanatoria.

On question of Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Conservative House Leader, it was revealed there were but two private sanatoria in the Province. The Premier said the Government had already announced its intention of investigating the administration of the Homewood Sanatorium in Guelph, and he thought it proper that the inquiry should be opened without delay.