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"I am not going to dodge my responsibility. I am going to vote for the resolution," declared Mr. Macaulay.

He referred to the petitions he had received opposing the motion. "There is nothing that will justify gambling on economical grounds," he emphasized. "Gambling is not a lucrative method of improving one's fortune. That is recognized.

"I am supporting the resolution because I think it is going to localize and limit gambling."

He suggested that if authority is granted, it should be possible to increase the percentage going to hospital purposes above the 16 per cent that hospitals are said to get from the Irish sweep.

"I am afraid that a lot of the Irish money goes in overhead or underfoot rather than to the hospitals."

"Or doesn't go there at all," cut in Mr. Nixon.

The first Liberal opposition was voiced by Ian Strachan, K.C., Liberal Whip and member for St. George. He said he could not see any reason to believe that a sweep in Ontario would halt materially the flow of money to the Irish sweep.

Caustic of the suggestion that it was necessary to raise funds by ways other than taxation, he said, "Perhaps we can employ the old army game of Crown and Anchor and run them in the parks and the Government can take a cut.

"It seems to me, if the only way to raise revenue for hospital purposes is by sweepstakes, we have got to a policy of despair in our economic system."

MacBride in Favor.

Hon. M. M. MacBride, Minister of Labor, claimed that for centuries the idea of taking a chance had been outstanding in the British race. While legalization of sweeps, in his opinion, was not the most desirable course of action, the present hypocrisy should be got rid of. Circumstances were demanding it, he said. "If we have to have this thing," said he, "let's have it under the best regulated system possible."

Since the McBrien resolution was first mentioned, he said, he had had scores of protests from people, many of whom, while he was Mayor of Brantford, sought his consent to draws to be conducted by various organizations. "Now they threaten me—try to intimidate me because I am supporting this resolution," he added. "That's hypocrisy of the worst kind."

J. J. Glass (Lib., St. Andrew), took a strong stand against the resolution, claiming that all gambling was a racket, and that sweeps in particular should be driven out of the country.

Toronto's taxpayers, last year,

contributed \$1,289,000 to hospitals, stated Allan A. Lamport (Lib., St. David), in supporting the motion.

"Would you sponsor a bill to legalize bookmaking?" asked G. C. Elgie (Cons., Woodbine).

"I would sponsor it if it would assist in the relief of suffering humanity," replied Mr. Lamport. "Speaking on behalf of the property owners of Toronto who cannot afford any longer to bear the \$1,289,000 burden I am supporting the motion."