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Editor Incurs Legislators' Wrath For His "Moronic" Reference

Members of the Legislature, led by Hon. Gordon Conant, reprimanded yesterday the editor of a law journal who had described the House as "moronic" and apparently, for a few minutes, considered the advisability of summoning him before the "Bar of the House" to answer for his contempt.

Hon. Harry Nixon, Provincial Secretary, stated later that the proper action would have been to summon the offender to the Bar of the House, where he would be required to apologize or to withdraw or be kept in custody "in the tower during the sitting of the Legislature. But as the session is practically over, I doubt the advisability of such a course."

Mr. Conant brought to the attention of the House an article in a recent issue of the Fortnightly Law Journal, in which it was stated that "the abolition of the passenger liability was about as glaring an injustice as a moronic Legislature ever perpetrated on an unwary public."

"This is a form of villification which I think we have a perfect right to reprimand. It is contempt of this Legislature," said Mr. Conant.

J. H. Clark, Windsor-Sandwich, suggested the matter should be brought to the attention of the Speaker, while Mr. Conant added he would be glad to consider the proper means of disciplining the offender.

Kidd Charge Meets Denial

Failure to implement election promises was again charged to Premier Hepburn in the Legislature yesterday, and as quickly denied, when Colonel T. A. Kidd, Conservative Whip, asserted the Premier had pledged the return of the equivalent of three mills in assessment to the municipalities, instead of the one mill granted.

"That is an absolutely untrue statement," the Premier declared.

Colonel Kidd claimed, in reply, the promise had been made in Barrie and Kitchener speeches.

"There was that one in Kitchener the night before the election," he persisted. "I have here a report of the speech." He read: "I see the possibility of three or four or even five mills return."

"There is no definite commitment there," the Premier snapped, and the House proceeded to pass Department of Municipal Affairs estimates.

Rain at Chorley Park "Big Drip," House Told

Public Works Minister Colin A. Campbell revealed to the Legislature yesterday that Chorley Park, for twenty years official residence of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, had become so run down the incumbents always prayed Providence would be considerate, when dinners and other social receptions were in order.

Two different "Governors," said Mr. Campbell, had admitted to him that whenever it rained the roof leaked so badly they had to rustle up every available pan from the kitchen to catch the water dripping down from above.

Former Premier Henry characterized the revelation as another "will 'o the wisp" story that had about as much foundation in fact as Premier Hepburn's earlier-in-the-session claims that Chorley Park incumbents had to "run a boarding house for broken-down English aristocracy."

"But these Governors told me," protested Mr. Campbell.

"It isn't a matter of what any one may have told to you," Mr. Henry flung back. "It's a matter of repeating hearsay to this House."