

Resolution of Loyalty To Precede Royal Visit

The Ontario Legislature will take on an added Empire tinge this afternoon when Premier Hepburn, seconded by Opposition Leader George A. Drew, will propose a special resolution of loyalty and welcome to their Majesties as a forerunner to the Royal visit to Toronto and the House, on May 22.

Mr. Hepburn will be supported in his remarks by Col. Fraser Hunter, St. Patrick, and by John J. Glass, St. Andrew. Colonel Drew will be supported by W. J. Stewart, Parkdale, and Richard Arnott, West Hastings.

The resolution — and the entire House membership may speak to it if it so desires—is as follows:

"We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with feelings of most profound devotion and respect, to join with all your Majesty's subjects in your Dominion of Canada in extending to you and your Gracious Consort, our Queen, Elizabeth, a joyful welcome on this, the first occasion on which our Empire's Sovereign has visited his loyal Canadian people. This happy occasion will ever live in the memory of the people of your Province of Ontario, and your Majesty's gracious act in thus personally visiting your Ontario subjects will meet with a response in their hearts, and in their actions, which will go far in preserving and cementing those ties of Empire which are so vital to the preservation of World Peace during the troubled period through which the nations of the world are passing.

"Ascending the Throne at a time of crisis which called for the exercise of statesmanship of the highest quality and the united support of all parts of the Empire,

your Majesty's strong and wise leadership and your constant consideration for the well-being of your people have confirmed and strengthened the joy with which your Coronation was greeted by all your Dominions, and the sincere love which was inspired in the hearts of his subjects by your gracious father of blessed memory has been transferred to you in fullest measure. It is gratifying to all British subjects to realize that our Empire is still regarded as the bulwark of freedom and the hope of civilization, and we are confident that under your Majesty's wise and gracious leadership, our statesmen will so continue to conduct the affairs of government that the Empire's proud position in world affairs will be maintained and strengthened, and the nations of the world directed along the paths of peace.

"To your Gracious Consort, our Queen, Elizabeth, we also beg leave to present the devotion of this assembly and of the people of Ontario whom we represent. The qualities displayed by her Majesty in the discharge of the many tasks which devolve upon her have awakened in your people feelings of profound admiration and respect and our hope is that she may long be spared to be your helpmate and inspiration in the performance of the onerous duties of the high office to which you have been called.

"We would also humbly request that your Majesty will convey the respectful and affectionate greeting of the people of Ontario to your daughters the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret Rose, who have captured the hearts of your people throughout the Empire.

"In conclusion may we again express our deep gratitude for your Majesty's gracious act in visiting this Province of Ontario, of which we are so proud, and assure you that the people of Ontario are and will be, as they have always been, proud to be a portion of the great Empire over which you reign, loyal in word and in deed to your person and to the Crown.

"'God Save Our King' is ever the prayer on the lips and in the hearts of your Majesties' most loyal subjects of the Province of Ontario."

Hepburn Sure Health Will Hold

The first spontaneous Liberal cheering of the 1939 session of the Legislature developed yesterday when Premier Hepburn, flouting the flu, and fresh from the bed in which his physicians would keep him if they could, expressed confidence that he would be present with the rest of his followers to prorogue the House in mid-April.

Mr. Hepburn urged his supporters not to be alarmed over newspaper stories about his health. He felt, he said, that his condition, both physically and mentally, would always be such as to enable him to take the part expected of him in any political battles the House might see. Tuesday next, said he, he proposed to "go to the mat" with Opposition Leader Drew in the Leaders' day debate. "And may the best man win," he added, smiling.