

WILL REOPEN SIDLEY PROBE

Conant Proposes to Amend
Coroners Act in Order
That Inquest, Prevented
Last Year, May Be Held

JURY LIMIT PLANNED

A new inquest into the death of Mrs. Maybelle Horlick Sidley, former malted milk heiress, who died last summer at the Toronto residence of W. Perkins Bull, K.C., will, it was reported at Queen's Park yesterday, be ordered by Attorney-General Conant.

Amendments to the Coroners Act, which have been designed to plug the legal loopholes, through which the Crown was prevented from conducting an inquest last summer, were brought down to the Legislature yesterday by the Attorney-General. As soon as these amendments become law, Queen's Park will move, it is understood, to resume its halted inquiry.

One amendment would authorize the Attorney-General to permit an inquest in cases where the body has been destroyed or removed from the Province of Ontario. Another would empower him to order an inquest where and whenever circumstances, in his opinion, warrant such an investigation.

Additional amendments would reduce number of jurymen for an inquest to five. Under present requirements, there must be not fewer than seven and not more than twelve. No person, in future, will be able to serve as a coroner's juror twice within the same year.

DREW OPPOSED TO TIME WASTE IN LEGISLATURE

Conservative Leader Tells
Members That He Will
Cause No Delay by Talk
on Measures He Favors

MAKES MAIDEN SPEECH

Colonel George A. Drew, Conservative Leader, yesterday in his initial speech in the Ontario Legislature, frankly told the House that he would not, as a policy, waste the time of the members in opposing or debating measures with which he was in agreement.

The statement came as he rose to support Premier Hepburn's motion asking for a declaration of allegiance to their Majesties — a declaration which is to be presented to the King and Queen at their visit to the Parliament Buildings next May 22.

He expressed his appreciation of the Premier's action in allowing his candidature in the East Simcoe by-election to be unopposed and at the same time thanked William Finlayson for having vacated the seat.

While he trusted that his action of seconding the Premier's resolution was not indicative of the policy he would pursue in the future, Colonel Drew added: "May I take this opportunity of telling the House that I have no intention of wasting the time of the House by refusing to support any measure in which I agree."