

'He Still Has What It Takes,' Hepburn's Tribute to Henry

George S. Henry, former Conservative Premier, was given an accolade in the Legislature by Premier Hepburn yesterday for his "marathon speech" in the budget debate Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The member from East York was not in his seat when the House convened and Mr. Hepburn expressed regret at his absence.

"Perhaps he has not yet recovered from his marathon speech of yesterday," the Premier observed. "I am sorry he is not here because I wished to tell the House—"

His remarks were interrupted by the appearance of Mr. Henry, to the accompaniment of Conservative applause.

"I was going to say," Mr. Hep-

burn beamed, "that I sent a note over to the honorable member last night, telling him that he still has what it takes. Old soldiers never die, and he's the same old warrior as in the past."

The Premier recalled a warm passage in Mr. Henry's speech on Wednesday, as he sent over a sheaf of correspondence to the member's desk. The correspondence dealt with a piece of property which the Conservative member had described as "a sheep ranch," and which the Premier had contended was "an island in Lake Ontario owned by a Toronto broker named Lamb."

"It's easy to see how the misconception arose," Mr. Hepburn said amid laughter as the correspondence was tabled.

Adopt Ontario Budget, Vote Confidence, 59-21

On a registered vote of 59 to 21, the Ontario Government last night defeated a Conservative lack-of-confidence amendment and adopted the motion to go into committee of supply to consider the estimates. The division followed a two-hour address by Hon. Colin Campbell, Minister of Public Works, which wound up the budget debate which began on April 6.

The Conservative amendment, deploring the failure of the government "to reduce taxation and deal with the serious unemployment situation in this province," was defeated on the same division. With the budget debate thus formally and finally out of the way, the House entered on the last lap of the present session and expects to prorogue. Premier Hepburn subsequently intimated, by next Wednesday at the latest.

Canadian monetary reform to the extent of public debt conversion and the retention in the country of a part of Canada's gold, against which currency would be issued, was advocated vigorously by Hon. Colin A. Campbell, Minister of Public Works in the Hepburn Government.

Speaking not only as a consistent advocate of this type of reform, but as a member of the Hepburn government party which studied the Australian economic situation at close hand this winter, Mr. Campbell said that while the panacea he proposed might not provide a permanent solution to the chaotic conditions with which the nation is gripped, it would, he believed, accomplish a great deal.

"Let us take an example from Australia," he urged, as he declared that the commonwealth not only converted her debt, but arbitrarily

set her exchange with the result capital flowed in, employment increased, and the country's credit stood higher than ever before.

Queried by Hon. Leopold Macaulay, at the end of his speech as whether or not there was anything Ontario could do if Ottawa refused to carry out monetary reform suggestion, Mr. Campbell replied: "I

don't know but what the best thing we could do would be to get a government in Ottawa which will do it."

He emphasized that Canada was a national unit economically and that conversion of the type described required action on a national scale as was in Australia's case. He charged, at the same time, the King administration at Ottawa had not the courage to act as the governments of Great Britain and Australia had done in bringing about a conversion in their public debts.

In 1935, at the Dominion-provincial conference at Ottawa, said the speaker, Premier Hepburn had advocated the very type of interprovincial meet which Opposition Leader Drew had suggested in his budget speech.

WOULD RECOVER RELIEF DEBTS

Power to the municipalities to recover from the estate of a deceased person money paid out in relief would be granted under an amendment to the Unemployment Relief Act, introduced in the Ontario Legislature by Attorney-General Gordon Conant in the annual omnibus Statute Law Amendment Act.

It is proposed to insert in the relief act the following clause:

"A municipality shall be entitled to recover without interest out of the estate of a deceased recipient of direct relief as a debt due by such recipient to the municipality the sum of the amounts expended by the municipality for the relief of such person and his family."

Another proposed amendment to the Unemployment Relief Act would require approval in writing from the Minister of public welfare for the appointment or dismissal of any municipal relief administrator.

A proposed amendment to the Milk Control Act eliminates the provisions which prohibit co-operatives from carrying on the business of buying milk and selling it to members and others.