

Henry's Demand Brings Retraction by Campbell For 'Dirty Insinuation'

Works Minister Questions Amount of Gasoline Rebates Sought by Former Premier's Son for Farm Work; House in Turmoil and Speaker Threatens Recess Unless Order Is Restored

'WITHDRAW,' SHOUTS LEOPOLD MACAULAY

Introduction last night in the Legislature of two affidavits bearing on applications for rebates on gasoline used on the George S. Henry farm at Oriole, precipitated a bitter debate which ended only after Major James Clark threatened to recess the House unless members kept order. The former Premier demanded and received from Hon. Colin Campbell, Minister of Public Works, a retraction for what Mr. Henry branded as a "dirty insinuation."

The Minister, last speaker in the Budget debate, turned his fire upon former Premier Henry, charging his administration with having "guilty knowledge" in the transfer of money from one account to another in an action which in fact, he claimed, amounted to "fraud."

He then turned as he said, "regretfully" to a matter of the former Premier's personal business. He said he was not in the habit of bringing up personalities in public life, but that on this occasion, in looking into certain charges made by the member for East York in relation to gasoline rebates, he had come across "certain interesting information."

Reads Affidavit.

He first read an affidavit, in which "George W. Henry," described as the son of George S. Henry, applied for a rebate of \$43.50 on gasoline used for farm motive power. It was signed by George W. Henry.

In the second affidavit, application was made by George W. Henry for a rebate of \$145 on 2,425 gallons of gasoline for a six months' period.

"May I say," added Mr. Campbell, "I thought that was a large amount for a gasoline refund and giving the honorable member the benefit of all the Sundays and holidays in that period, it amounted to sixteen gallons per day. I must say that

tractor must have plowed a lot of straight furrows in that period."

Mr. Henry sat silent for several minutes. Members about him were seen to speak to him and then he rose.

"I am entirely at a loss to know what the affidavits made by my son for rebates has to do with the Budget debate in this House," he said. "I merely wish to say that there are two pumps on our farm. One of the two serves the tractor and all the operations, both belt and pulling power, are made by that tractor, and it is the only power on the farm of 450 acres. There is another pump which serves the truck and passenger cars. That is all I have to say," and at this juncture his voice rang out over the House, "to these dirty insinuations of the minister."

Reply Causes Uproar.

"May I say," said Mr. Campbell in reply, "I made no insinuations."

Immediately there came an uproar from the Opposition benches. Leopold Macaulay was heard to demand: "Withdraw."

"Bring up something big," came from another and the turmoil spread to both sides and the Speaker then broke in with: "If I don't have order, I will declare a recess."

Before the noise had wholly subsided, Mr. Campbell was again on his feet, declaring: "I would say that the honorable member was perhaps only trying to get back in rebates what he had to pay."

At that moment his words were again blotted from the House by cries of protest, but it was indicated he was referring to the \$3,000 which the Hepburn Ministry demanded and got from the former Premier, on gasoline and oil which he had used while in office and had charged to the Treasury.

"That is an insinuation I was trying to get refunds by an improper manner and I demand a retraction," declared Mr. Henry, and Mr. Campbell withdrew.

INSURANCE BILL IS INTRODUCED

New Legislation Will Place Ontario in Readiness to Enter National Scheme of Security for Unemployed

ASSURE PARTICIPATION

The Ontario Government yesterday cleared the tracks in readiness to participate immediately in any national unemployment insurance scheme, should such be launched by the Federal Government. Legislation authorizing the step was introduced in the Legislature by Hon. Norman O. Hipel, Minister of Labor, in a bill known as the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1939.

The bill authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to "enter into such arrangements with the Governor-General-in-Council as may be necessary to carry out within the province the provisions of any Dominion act providing for a general scheme of unemployment insurance."

The Minister explained that the bill was simply in the nature of enabling legislation, assuring participation by the province in any scheme adopted by the Federal Government.

In addition to empowering the government to enter into whatever agreement is deemed advisable, the measure provides for immediate action in enforcing and carrying into effect any national unemployment measure and the payment of benefits under conditions specified in any such act of the Dominion Parliament.