

## Pays Counsel \$400 Monthly

As counsel to the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission, A. G. Slaght, K.C., M.P., of Toronto, receives a retainer of \$400 a month, according to a return tabled in the Legislature yesterday, in answer to a question by R. B. Arnott (Con., Hastings East).

This is the same amount as was previously paid to Tilley, Johnson, Thomson and Parmenter, Toronto, for similar services. In 1938, Mr. Slaght's firm also received these legal fees from the province: \$3,038 for work for the succession duty office and \$5,005 from the Niagara Parks Commission in connection with arbitration proceedings with the International Railway Company.

## Won't Press to Dismiss Professors for Remarks

Satisfied with assurances from the Minister of Education that appropriate action would be taken by university officials to curb "subversive" utterances attributed to two Toronto professors, Colonel F. Fraser Hunter (Lib., Toronto-St. Patrick) yesterday withdrew from the order paper a resolution calling for dismissal of Professor Frank Underhill and Professor G. M. A. Grube.

The resolution, offered in the heat of indignation engendered by statements attributed to the two educationists some weeks ago, was stricken from the records in the dying moments of the session.

"This resolution was not aimed merely at two professors," Colonel Hunter said, "but against all influences in universities which tend to prevent our youth from full cooperation in the functioning and survival of democracy."

A. W. Roebuck (Lib., Toronto-Bellwoods) deplored the "exhibition of intolerance" displayed by the House in permitting introduction of the resolution. University professors, he maintained, were entitled to complete freedom of speech, even when governments were criticized.

"You can talk freedom of speech all you want," Colonel Hunter retorted. "I'm trying to deal with a world of reality, not the pleasant dreamland you have pictured for yourself. This is a time of world emergency. Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin will give you a form of university you won't like if they have their way—and you won't be able to voice your opposition."

Hon. Dr. L. J. Simpson told the House appropriate action would be taken by the governing bodies of the University of Toronto and Trinity College. "The House can rest assured that the matter will not be overlooked."

### Criticise Roebuck "Order."

Premier Hepburn and Conservative Leader George Drew denied that they had supported the resolution when it was first introduced and criticized statements made by the former Attorney-General.

"When my honorable friend talks about coercion," Premier Hepburn said, "he would do well to remember that when he was Attorney-General he issued an order that all magistrates appear in court in morning clothes. That's a form of dictatorship."

"I didn't give orders," Mr. Roebuck replied. "I wrote a private letter to them which they immediately gave to the press. And I followed it with another letter advising them it was not an order."

"I was responsible for that letter," the Premier reminded him.

"Well, I'm not Attorney-General now," said Mr. Roebuck, "but I am pleased to note that the custom I suggested is still being carried out."

## WILL NOT BLOCK SALE OF SHARES IN INGLIS FIRM

Conservative Leader George A. Drew, who played a leading role in the recent Bren gun inquiry, failed yesterday in the Legislature to persuade the Ontario Government to step in and prevent the sale of shares in the John Inglis Company, holder of a license to manufacture the gun.

In a prepared statement, which he read to the House, Attorney-General Gordon Conant said he was not disposed to do anything likely to curtail operations of the company, and that as far as Colonel Drew's charges that the company's prospectuses were "misleading" no complaint had ever been made to the Securities Commission regarding the statements or the affairs of the company.

"From my own examination of these statements and considerable of the evidence taken before the commissioner, and also the opinion of chief counsel of the Attorney-General's department, I am forced to the conclusion that no criminal action arising out of these statements is indicated or justified," said Mr. Conant. "The matter was not referred to me by the commissioner, as he did not feel that there had been any criminal conduct.

"I am not disposed to do anything

likely to curtail their operations or expansion or to reflect upon their apparent efforts to build up an Ontario industry employing Ontario workmen at substantial wages, unless the facts and circumstances reasonably and properly warrant such action," continued the Attorney-General.

It was a matter for the Federal Government to determine, he continued, referring to the actual contract itself. Evidently, he pointed out, there was no corruption in connection with it. The John Inglis Company was employing 250 workmen, with a monthly payroll of \$31,000 and an average wage scale of \$27.50 per week.