

Legislative Clerk Created K.C. Members Honor Him for Book

Immediately after the Ontario Legislature rose yesterday, Major Alex. C. Lewis, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and author of the recently published "Parliamentary Procedure in Ontario," was appointed King's Counsellor by Order-in-Council.

The honor came to Major Lewis while the plaudits of the House for



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his distinguished work on the volume was still ringing in his ears. He was praised by Government and Opposition Leaders and by private members, and at the conclusion Hon. Gordon Conant, Attorney-General, revealed that the further

honor awaited him.

Major Lewis, at the 1938 session, by act of the House, was made a barrister. His studies at Osgoode Hall, it was explained at that time, were cut short when he entered his Majesty's service during the last war. Subsequent studies, the House was told, had fitted him unquestionably for professional status.

L. M. Frost, K.C. (Conservative, Victoria), was the first to rise yesterday and pay his tribute to the Clerk. The volume, the first one published in thirty-five years for the guidance of the members of the Legislative Assembly, was dedicated to the members, and, he added, "it was only right and proper that there should be a formal expression of thanks for Major Lewis' kindness and appreciation of his work."

The first part, he said, dealt with British Parliamentary procedure and its application to the Legislature; the second to rules of the Legislature; the third to decisions of the Speaker; the fourth with historical data, and the fifth consisted of an index to the Speaker's decisions.

"I think," he said, "there should be some expression of appreciation to Major Lewis upon the records of the Legislature."

Premier Hepburn concurred and declared his intention of introducing a motion which is to be seconded by Conservative Leader Drew. A. W. Roebuck, K.C., said he was struck by the clarity of expression. Colonel Drew saw in the work indication of the high sense of public service on the part of the Civil Service, and he claimed it was the first time an attempt had been made to combine historical background with the rules. Leopold Macaulay in no small stint of praise, referred to the volume as the "new Bible on Parliamentary machinery."