

STRACHAN ASKS POSTWAR PLAN FOR SOLDIERS

Job for Committee on
Resources, He Suggests
to Provincial House

TO HEARTEN ARMY

A postwar employment policy, with particular reference to the needs of men demobilized from the fighting forces, was urged yesterday upon the Ontario Government by Liberal Whip Ian Strachan, K.C., as he voiced "my own admiration of the vigorous attitude of the Premier and his Government, particularly since the declaration of war."

Mr. Strachan declared the subject of employment "has received scant attention from this Legislature." He charged it was a sad reflection on man's ingenuity in solving so many problems "that apparently our only solution for the unemployment problem is that of war."

He admitted that he had no particular solution as what might be done to avert a critical labor problem once peace is declared "but I would suggest," added Mr. Strachan, "that if our Organization of Resources Committee is thwarted by lack of activity at Ottawa, they might well give some attention to this postwar problem."

"For after all, nothing would hearten the men who are in the army more than for them to realize that instead of the somewhat empty promises made in the last war that their jobs are secure, the Government of Ontario was giving some thought as to what would become of them after they are demobilized."

And later, in the same vein, the Whip added: "And I would suggest if the Organization of Resources Committee could give some concrete suggestions along that line, that regardless of what they felt about Ottawa's war effort, they could be secure in the thought that they at least were rendering a real and lasting service to the men who are fighting both at the battlefield and on our home front to make democracy safe."

Praises Service Guild.

Mr. Strachan, in reopening the Throne Speech debate, paid tribute to the work of the Queen's Park War Service Guild, in which between 800 and 900 women members of the Civil Service joined in "doing real work in a concrete way."

Turning to Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways, he recalled that the Chevrier Inquiry report "showed many serious abuses existing in the highway transport industry."

He believed that one of the chief difficulties in the present system was the lack of control over rates. This worked a hardship, he claimed, not only on the legitimate and

reputable transport operators but also on the railroads.

"I would urge upon the Minister of Highways," said Mr. Strachan, "that every consideration be given to the recommendation of the Chevrier Report to set up a transport board in Ontario with powers, duties and jurisdictions with reference to transportation by trucks and busses in Ontario, similar to those of the present Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada."

HOUSE TO AWAIT FEDERAL BUDGET

Recess Planned After
Death Dues Act Altered

AT LEAST TWO WEEKS

Amplifying earlier statements to the press, Premier Hepburn announced in the Legislature yesterday that, following passage of proposed amendments to the Succession Duties Act, the House is expected to recess for a period of two weeks or more, until the Dominion Budget is brought down at Ottawa.

The Premier said the Succession Duties Act amendments will be placed before the House on "Wednesday or Thursday," and it was his hope that debate on them would be completed before the end of the week. If this were accomplished, he said, the House would recess immediately.

"This session was called earlier than usual for two reasons," Mr. Hepburn explained. "One was so that the committee investigating the administration of the Lands and Forests Department might sit concurrently with the House, thus avoiding the extra expenditure incident on bringing the committee members here and paying the extra indemnity. The other is that it was necessary to amend the Succession Duties Act so that the Treasury Department might renew its investigation of certain estates."

The recess, he said, was rendered doubly necessary because of the fact that the Dominion Budget might make it necessary for the Province to consider new fields of taxation. It was absolutely impossible, he said, to forecast either revenues or requirements so far from the end of the fiscal year.

"Another month will probably indicate the trend of events," he said, "but it is impossible for me at this time to draft a budget with any degree of accuracy."