

The Premier charged that Mr. Hindmarsh was "about as mean and mercenary as Mr. Roebuck when he (Mr. Roebuck) went to England to get a job for his brother-in-law," who claimed the Premier, "was proved a man of ill repute."

**"Cheap," Says Roebuck.**

The attack, declared Mr. Roebuck in reply, was "mean and malicious." He branded as "cheap" what he called an "attempt to ruin Mr. At-

kinson through the speeding records of his grandsons."

Of the school incident, he said it was the case of two high school boys who "got in a jam with the headmaster," and tried to get even by painting the school door.

"It was a boyish prank that almost any man's grandsons might do," he claimed. "I have no recollection of having changed the magistrate. I am satisfied that I did not do that, and I am equally satisfied that I did not interfere with the disposition of the case."

While maintaining that he had not interfered in the case, Mr. Roebuck said that it was not without the rights "of my office to have done so and no one could have pointed the finger of scorn if I had." He had not dictated to the magistrates during the three years of his office.

"If the Premier has no further justification for the attack against Mr. Atkinson than the speeding records of his grandsons, he had better back up and start over again," said Mr. Roebuck.

"Now in regard to Mr. Walkinshaw," continued the member. "He took a very active part in these public enterprises preceding the vote of 1934. He was well acquainted in my riding. Rightly or wrongly, I appointed my own secretary in the campaign to the office of my own private secretary. I remember first taking it up with the Prime Minister and he said it was quite usual for the Ministers to appoint some one close to them as private secretaries."

**"Ruthless and Brutal."**

As for the Premier's attack on Mr. Walkinshaw, said Mr. Roebuck, he had difficulty in replying within the rules of Parliamentary procedure. "Let me say," he added, "that the Prime Minister's reference to Mr. Walkinshaw was—well, it was Hepburnism, both ruthless and brutal."

The Premier, he said, now boasted of attacking a "good citizen."

"The courts don't think so," snapped the Premier.

"Walkinshaw is as honest a man as is the Prime Minister," said Mr. Roebuck, "and he has done his best to support his family, and now the Prime Minister admits that he interfered with the right of the man to earn his livelihood."

"Because of Walkinshaw's record the insurance department refused him a license," said the Premier, and he declared that he would table the record contained in the insurance branch's files "so that all may read."

Mr. Roebuck: "I have no doubt that you will attempt to blast his reputation. I have no doubt you will use all your ability to drive the knife into him and to turn it around."

He recalled licensing Lloyd's while he was in England and the firm eventually was registered in Ontario. "Some time after I was in London on business of the Province," he continued, "Mr. Walkinshaw came to London in an effort to be the representative of Lloyd's in the Province."

**Sees No Reason Why Not.**

"Why shouldn't he? I asked no one to license him. I wasn't in London when he secured the contract. It shows the length that the Prime Minister will go to try to injure a member of the House who disagreed with him or who refused to submit to dictation."

Mr. Roebuck reviewed briefly his public career and claimed that, if after forty years in public life, the

best that could be found on a man was that he "helped a man's grandchildren or something like that," he could consider his "race well run."

"I was in politics," continued Mr. Roebuck, "while the Prime Minister was still in short pants. And let me say if he continues as he does, I will be in politics long after he is through."

Harold N. Carr (Lib., Northumberland), chairman of the committee of the whole House, rose and tried to end the debate. He said that he had allowed a great deal of leeway, but that Mr. Roebuck should now finish as briefly as possible.

"I am quite prepared to finish now," said Mr. Roebuck, and sat down. The Premier jumped up and said: "Go ahead, I'm not finished myself."

The chairman again rose and tried to steer the debate back to the Local Government Extension Act, but Mr. Hepburn said that the debate between himself and his former Attorney-General was connected with the act, as he had made the statement that elections were often created "by aspirants who had selfish ends to serve."

**Cites Hydro Reports.**

The Premier then referred to the dealings of Mr. Roebuck with Lewis Duncan and the Hydro Commission. "I am glad that my friend, the member from East York (George Henry), is in the House this afternoon, for it was his motion that asked that all the reports and communications and records having to do with Lewis Duncan be tabled. I asked the Attorney-General if he had any objections, and he said no. So it was ordered that the Hydro prepare all the communications to be ready for tabling," added the Premier.

"Three days later the Attorney-General (Mr. Roebuck) rushed to me and said that the reports could not be tabled, and that I would have to rescind the motion, as Mr. Duncan had been busy preparing his nine-hour speech. I asked him if that was what we were paying Mr. Duncan for.

"However, the previous motion was rescinded, and I proposed the new motion," said the Premier. "I asked the auditor of Hydro how much at that time had been paid to Mr. Duncan, and he said \$15,325 in salary and \$1,246 for expenses. All that money for preparing a nine-hour speech. I wonder if Mr. Roebuck is proud of that.

"Then Mr. Duncan wrote asking more money, another \$10,000," continued Mr. Hepburn. "And now Mr. Duncan poses as a champion of democracy, would be mayor of Toronto. But the irony of the whole affair is that we are protected from this grafting, greedy brute by the very laws instituted by Mr. Roebuck as Attorney-General making it unlawful to sue Hydro."

**Denies Report True.**

Mr. Roebuck, replying: "If the Prime Minister is no more accurate in his reporting of his conversations with me than he was reporting the conversation with the editor of the Star, there was nothing to it.

"The president of the Star was at the interview referred to. Let me tell the House that the Premier's report of what took place was without a single shred or item of truth."

Mr. Hepburn was on his feet in an instant, declaring that two of his colleagues were present. He turned to Hon. H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, and that minister rose and said: "I support what the Premier said occurred."

And further down the line, Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines, nodded his agreement.

"Well," continued Mr. Roebuck, "in any event Mr. Atkinson never told the Premier that he was going to attack him and harass him to the end of his days."

The chairman of the committee of the whole ruled that Mr. Roebuck, under the rules of the House, must, in the face of the corroboration given to the Premier's statement, withdraw his statement.

"I must comply with the rules of the House," replied Mr. Roebuck, and proceeded to the charge relating to the Duncan payment claim.

"All I can say is that it did not take place. It was made out of whole cloth. All I can say is that it is inaccurate," he said.

**Reiterates Charge.**

The Premier reiterated his charge that, as the result of representations made to him by the then

Attorney-General, he moved in the House that Hydro records, sought by Mr. Henry, should not be tabled.

"The bill rendered by Mr. Duncan contained a number of things which did not appear," said Mr. Roebuck. "Duncan earned every dollar of the money paid to him out of the \$16,000. He made investigation of a large number of matters. He made report after report, not on my order but on the order of the Hydro board and some of the material that he gave served me, of course, in the facts given to the House. But Mr. Duncan did not write my speech."

The Premier observed that Mr. Roebuck still maintained he had no recollection of having asked for the rescinding of the order which requested the tabling of the Hydro records which showed the payments to Mr. Duncan. He called for the House records and then read the motion, dated April 9. It was moved by Mr. Hepburn and seconded by Mr. Roebuck.

"You have a very convenient memory," he charged of Mr. Roebuck.

"I ask you to withdraw," replied the member. "That is a nasty implication. You have come here with one thing after another you have been saving up. You wish to annihilate me."

"Oh, no," retorted the Premier. "I wouldn't hit a fly with a sledgehammer."

"Well, you haven't caught this one yet," said Mr. Roebuck.

**Says Not Unnatural.**

Referring to the rescinding of the motion, Mr. Roebuck said: "It is not unnatural that I cannot remember every motion I seconded when Attorney-General."

"No," agreed Mr. Hepburn, "that is why I said you had a convenient memory."

"It is not a convenient memory," replied Mr. Roebuck, "it is a normal, honest and unbiased memory. Besides, if the Premier proposed the motion he refers to, he can hardly accuse me of doing something improper in seconding it. I think it is poor taste to bring questions of internal management out into the open now.

"The Opposition at that time made many motions asking that we table correspondence dealing with hydro. I remember one case of an American company. . . ."

"That was much later," cried a voice from the Opposition benches.

"Well, maybe so, but my point still holds," said the former Attor-