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## Campbell Coat May Be Cause Of Election, Hepburn Suggests

Decision of Prime Minister King to call an election rested either on William Duckworth's protest against the sale of Canadian wheat to Russia or Lieut. Colin Campbell's coat, Premier Hepburn claimed yesterday.

It was his only reference to the election issue, other than the firm "no comment" which parried other questions. It was made immediately after the House rose and while his Ministers were still flanking him along "Cabinet Row."

"It is a strange thing," said Mr. Hepburn, "that it was either Duckworth's question on wheat or Colin Campbell's coat which brought on the election. If it was the latter, then we have three famous coats in

history. There was Joseph's coat, Sir Walter Raleigh's coat and Colin's coat."

The Premier recalled that it was the Conservative member for Dovercourt's question in the Legislature on the policy of selling wheat to a potential enemy which led to the debate that ended with passing of a vote of censure against the King Administration's conduct of the war program.

In the debate, it was charged by Mr. Hepburn, that Ottawa had lagged in the preparedness effort and, in evidence, he claimed that inability of Lieutenant Campbell to secure greatcoat cloth had contributed to his illness. Lieutenant Campbell is on leave of absence from his post of Minister of Works.