

HENRY BELIEVES TORONTO M.L.A. SQUARED CIRCLE

**Suspects That Lampport
Achieved It by Backing
Both King and Hepburn**

QUOTES INTERVIEW

George S. Henry, former Conservative Prime Minister, broke the silence he has maintained most of the session with a vigorous speech in the Legislature budget debate last night in which he clashed briefly with Premier Hepburn and lengthily with Allan Lampport (Lib., St. David).

Opposition Leader George Drew adjourned the debate at 11:45 p.m., and the Legislature will meet at 2 p.m., today, an hour earlier than usual, in an effort to wind up the session by Friday.

After picturing Premier Hepburn as "most unhappy" over the financial situation of the Province and twitting him as being falsely optimistic, the veteran member for East York turned his attention to Mr. Lampport and kept the House and crowded galleries in fits of laughter. Mr. Henry quoted from a weekly publication which contained an interview with Mr. Lampport in connection with the Liberal member's stand on the censure resolution passed by the Legislature.

Describing the member for St. David as a "research artist," Mr. Henry read the interview in which Mr. Lampport was quoted as saying he supported Mr. Hepburn and the resolution of censure on the King Government's war effort and at the same time supported Mr. King.

Asks How It Was Done.

"I don't know how he managed to do it but he certainly succeeded in squaring the circle," remarked Mr. Henry amid laughter. "He is the only man in history who has ever done it. I would like to know how he accomplished it. The reporter asked him if he had anything to retract and he said he had nothing to retract. Then he was asked whom he stood for and he replied that he stood for everybody (laughter).

Premier Hepburn joined in the laughter at the expense of his back bench supporter and Conservatives howled with glee and banged their desks.

"How does he do it?" asked Mr. Henry. "He supports his Premier, who doesn't support Mr. King. At the same time he supports Mr. King, while voting for the resolution of censure on Mr. King's effort."

Several times Premier Hepburn interrupted and Mr. Henry asked him not to get "nervous." The attack on the member for St. David originated in his own criticism of the former Henry regime and the use of motor cars by members of the Cabinet.

Thinks Figures Buried.

"I ask the member for St. David this question," said Mr. Henry. "What is the cost of mileage since this Government came into office? I can't find it. It is buried somewhere in the records. Being a research artist, maybe he can dig it up."

Later Mr. Henry turned his artillery on Hon. Eric Cross, criticizing his administration of municipal affairs. The Minister's remarks in the House, he said, were "on a par with those of the member for St. David."

Mr. Lampport claimed privilege on the statement and sought to reply, but the Conservative members shouted him down and the Speaker denied the point.

"You ought to consider that a compliment," Mr. Cross told the St. David Liberal.

"I don't think the remark could be termed objectionable," the Speaker ruled.

Toward the close of his address Mr. Henry criticized the Hydro policy of the Government and declared as far as the St. Lawrence seaway project was concerned, more information should be given the public concerning the projected treaty with the United States.

"As far as we know the Premier confesses ignorance," said Mr. Henry.

Premier Hepburn immediately rose and declared that Dr. T. H. Hogg, Hydro Commission chairman, was negotiating for Ontario and that as far as he (the Premier) knew, there was not even a tentative agreement. In there were, it would be before the Cabinet for ratification. When Hydro engineers had completed their negotiations, said the Premier, the Cabinet would consider it.

"The Cabinet should give direction to Hydro engineers and not leave everything in their hands," declared Mr. Henry.