

Tory Member Praises Hepburn's Sirois Stand

In a sudden defense of Premier Hepburn, wholly contrary to the stand of his leader, Col. George A. Drew, A. Holly Acres, Conservative, Carleton, declared in Legislature debate yesterday that he would not have stayed two hours at the Dominion-Provincial Conference at Ottawa if he had been head of the Ontario delegation.

"If I had been the Prime Minister of Ontario," said Mr. Acres, "I wouldn't have stayed two hours, let alone two days. It was not time to consider a report of that kind. It was a peacetime report."

In revealing that he had sat through the conference, Mr. Acres charged that Premier Bracken of Manitoba was "expecting Ontario to pay half the Federal debt and then half the Manitoba debt besides. If anything was wrong in Manitoba it was his own maladministration and it is time the people of Manitoba woke up and changed their leader."

He expressed hope there would be a conference in the future between the Government units, a conference built on smaller delegations, because, he said, smaller delegations get further.

Mr. Acres revived his annual advocacy of a flat rate for hydro customers and embellished it with an attack on the principle of having the chief engineer of hydro acting as chairman of the commission.

Mr. Acres closed his address with a denunciation of Mr. King's "failure to do what President Roosevelt has done—co-operate with his defeated opponent and take him into some war duty." "Why can't Prime Minister King be a statesman and practice what he preaches when he talks of a united nation?" he asked. "Why doesn't King place Manion on some worthwhile war board and let us join hands and be one great family in winning this war?"

Opposition Seeks Light On Road Lighting Costs

Government expenditures yesterday were the target of inquiries by the Opposition, when Premier Hepburn was asked in an order paper question by T. A. Murphy (Con., Toronto Beaches) for the cost of Queen Elizabeth Way lighting equipment, the installation of a comfort station at Port Burwell, in Mr. Hepburn's riding, and the cost of making and maintaining Ipperwash Park in Lambton County.

It is generally conceded among Opposition members that the highway lighting program will be at-

tacked in budget debate speeches, on the ground it was not essential at a time when announced Government policy was cancellation of capital works.

Basis of further criticism was seen in questions by W. A. Duckworth (Con., Toronto-Dovercourt), which asked for the employee list, both permanent and temporary, for every fiscal year since the Hepburn Administration took office.

Mr. Duckworth has also asked for the salary and duties of Chester S. Walters, Deputy Provincial Treasurer and Controller of Revenue.

DROP POLITICS TO HELP NATION, PARTIES AGREE

Col. Kennedy and Flying Officer Lampport Give Plan Tangible Support

'ALL FOR THE STATE'

Self-pledged to set aside politics until peace is gained, Colonel T. L. Kennedy, Conservative member for Peel and former Minister of Agriculture, declared, yesterday in debate on the Speech from the Throne, it was his intention and the intention of the Opposition to give all possible aid to the Government in increasing the war effort.

His speech found an echo in that of the Liberal member who followed him, Flying Officer Allan A. Lampport of Toronto-St. David, who called Canadians to set their aim toward the main objective. "The time of war is no time for the playing of politics," said the member, on afternoon leave from the Manning Depot and on probably his last appearance at the House this session.

"Anything we, or I, can do," said Colonel Kennedy, "to help the Government, day or night, to put forth the utmost toward our war effort, we will do. This is no time for politics. As soon as war broke out I decided not to appear at any political meetings while it lasted and, with the exception of the Dominion election, I have kept this resolve and intend to keep it until peace is gained. It doesn't seem the right thing to be playing politics in times of war."

Praises Farm Subsidies.

Colonel Kennedy confined his remarks to the sad position in which agriculture is at present. He praised the bacon and cheese subsidies which have been authorized, but said that the present was not the only time that should be considered in dealing with the agricultural problem. He pointed out that Canada is the main source of food supply for Great Britain now, and that the hog trade with the Mother Country had now reached the total of \$104,000,000 a year. But, he stated, steps must be taken at once to preserve this market after the war. The hog bonus would help Canadian breeders produce an A1 hog which would stand up against all competition in the post-war years. The cheese bonus is another magnificent thing.

Criticizes "War Apathy."

Apathy to the war effort was scored by Flying Officer Lampport, when he aligned himself behind Premier Hepburn in declaring there was a "lack of realization as to what the war meant to Canadians and to humanity."

He criticized a policy of pay-as-you-go in the war on the ground that expenditures of necessity must be beyond the limit of bearable taxation.

The officer pleaded that party strife should be thrown into the discard in "this one time of our history when none must be for the party and all for the State." In illustration, he said that Wilfred Heighington, his opponent in the 1937 election, was on full-time duty in the Atlantic command. "Today we are both fighting for the great transcendental principles in which we both agree," he said.