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Pay Scale Differences
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HEENAN DISAGREES

Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests and one-time Federal Minister of Labor, yesterday split in conviction with John J. Glass (Lib., Toronto St. Andrew) when the latter in the Throne Speech debate advocated the centralization of Labor Department's work at Ottawa.

Mr. Glass argued, on behalf of the abolition of Provincial Labor Departments, although he stressed that the Ontario department under Hon. N. O. Hipel had been doing "good work," that centralized administration was necessary to eliminate inequalities in wage standards.

"Manufacturers of uniforms in Toronto have been unable to renew their contracts because of the lower wage scales in another Province," said Mr. Glass. "I am firmly of the opinion that the only solution of labor problems in the Provinces is to bring administration under the Dominion control entirely."

Mr. Heenan asserted: "Labor men of Ontario have the best hours and best wages of any Province in Canada, and I for one am not going to lightly turn that over to any Government."

Mr. Glass, a veteran of World War 1, declared a large number of people were not conscious of the gravity of the issues involved in the present war. He charged, too, that of his own personal knowledge there were in Toronto men "of the most Fascist reactionary views, who, if it were not for the fact that we are at war with Hitler, are still ready to embrace these doctrines."

To clear the pathway for a total war effort, he declared, these and communistic influences "who are still doing their nefarious work in underground channels, must be eradicated."