

Helped Bolster Our Resolve, Tribute to Pepper, Willkie

The ceremonies proroguing the Legislature last night were witnessed by thirty-five executive heads of the Columbia Broadcasting System, who at present are in the city as guests of the Ontario Travel Bureau. Otherwise the galleries held but a few scattered witnesses to the brief and formal ceremony.

Hon. Albert Matthews, Lieutenant-Governor, gave assent to ninety-seven bills, and in his final message to the members urged them to devote themselves "to the great crusade in which the free democracies of the world are joined."

He referred to the decisive votes of the Congress and Senate of the United States to give "unrestricted aid to our cause." He expressed gratitude for the messages in the Legislature given by Senator Claude Pepper and Wendell Willkie. "They helped to strengthen our resolve," said the Lieutenant-Governor, "that

the dark ages of tyranny and slavery shall not return to the earth."

He expressed regret in the death of Sir Frederick Banting and lauded the Government in its record of \$15,600,000, 1940-41 surplus and its resolve for the current fiscal year to have a surplus over expenditures, without borrowing except for re-funding purposes.

As the session closed, there were two legislative items still left on the order paper, the women jurors' bill and the act to provide for the suspension of grand juries for the duration of the war. Neither, because of criticism, had been given second reading.

Conservative Leader Drew asked the Government's intention on the bill to give women right to sit on juries.

"We are not calling it," said Premier Hepburn. "You can write the obituary."

Malice Shown by Noad, Is Legislators' Charge

Three members of the select committee which investigated the timber situation in the Province informed the House yesterday they had received letters from a former civil servant, Frederick Noad, which contained false and malicious statements.

"This man," said J. M. Cooper, (Lib., Sudbury) chairman of the committee, "charges that he was denied the privilege of giving evidence. That is a premeditated and deliberate falsehood. We received several letters from him during the meetings and they were both scandalous and malicious. He asked the former chairman, Hon. Mr. Leduc, if he could give evidence and was told he would be called after the witnesses of the companies and other interests had been heard, but he was not present when he could have given evidence.

Dr. H. E. Walsh (Con., Hastings East) said "I have never seen the man but as a medical man I know, after reading his letters, that I could place him in his proper category."

"I want to concur with the other members," said Colonel Drew, "in saying that there was no action taken to prevent him, or any other irrational witness, from appearing. He sat in on the sessions for some time, like the ghost at Banquo's feast. He heard a lot of the evidence but when he was not present when he could have appeared we thought he had decided his evidence was not valuable."