

## CROLL PLEADS FOR MORE MEN TO HIT HITLER

### Canadian Army Needs Reinforcements to Take Offensive, House Told

Declaring the Canadian Army in England needed reinforcements, and needed them "badly," Captain David A. Croll, Liberal member for Windsor-Walkerville, now on leave, yesterday told the Ontario Legislature that the Army looked to Canada to declare its stand with an "avalanche of yes votes" in the plebiscite.

The member, wearing the kilts of the Essex Scottish, made his statement, his plea for sacrifice and the will to victory in the war, standing in Cabinet row, across the floor of the House from where he stood two years ago in a private's battle dress on the eve of his departure for active service.

Captain Croll returned last week from England, as a lieutenant, to train the men of the Oxford Rifles for active service. His promotion was announced Monday. Yesterday he said he anticipated returning to the battle front with the unit to which he is now posted.

#### Ready For Offense.

"You should know of the great change that has come over the Canadian Army," said Captain Croll. "When we first went over there our entire energies were concentrated on defense. We were defense minded, physically and mentally."

Now, said the speaker, the picture has changed, and the Canadian and British Armies, well-trained and equipped, are inculcated with the spirit of offense. Canadian troops were regarded as shock troops. There is no army better trained or equipped than the Canadian, stressed Captain Croll.

"The Canadian Army, in England needs reinforcements—it needs reinforcements badly, first to maintain morale, which is splendid, and second to expand its striking power.

"I think that I speak the mind of the Army, when I say that it is looking for Canada, and especially this Province of Ontario, to indicate at the plebiscite with an avalanche of yes votes, the position on which it stands."

Captain Croll, in a low-toned and impelling voice, said that he clarified the course which might be followed, thusly: "If Hitler had the privilege of the right to vote, I know, and I think that you will readily concur, he would vote 'no.'"

"There involves a great duty upon Canadians, of which there are so many racial communities, to vote yes," added Captain Croll, claiming that in a unity of action on this one point many bitter and threatened recriminations may be averted after the war. "This is not the kind of a war that you can take it or leave," he said.

Persons who gave up an extra pat of butter, a lump of sugar or the cuffs on his trousers, were not sacrificing anything. "You can't talk of sacrifice in that respect, because before this war is over, the sacrifices which you will be called on to bear will be terrible."

Premier Hepburn spoke of the captain as "the most popular man in the House" in a brief introduction, and Conservative Leader Drew added to the Premier's words his personal plaudits. His modesty, said Lieutenant-Colonel Drew, probably prohibited Captain Croll from revealing that he has compiled and written a text book on despatch riding which is the official text book of the forces.

## HENRY SCORES HYDRO POLICY OF GOVERNMENT

### New Projects 'Piffling' With Shortage Imminent, He Declares in House

War industries have a tendency to settle in Quebec Province "because they have ample power," George S. Henry, former Conservative Premier, declared in the Legislature, last night, in an address which scored the Hepburn Government Hydro administration from the contracts cancellation period until the present.

Ontario, said the East York member, was facing a power shortage because the administration failed to appreciate the situation early enough, and he termed "piffling" the Hydro Commission's new projects as compared with the need in "terms of half a million horsepower."

"I would go to look for power on the Ottawa River," declared Mr. Henry.

"That is what is being done at the present time," revealed Hon. W. I. Houck, Hydro commissioner.

Mr. Henry spoke on the Hydro estimates. His address did not conclude until after midnight, and upon adjournment, it was indicated clearly that the House would prorogue today.

Mr. Henry declared that last year, new power installations in Quebec totalled 230,000 h.p. "I say the Government has abused its position and failed in its responsibility in regard to Hydro," he continued. "They allowed him (A. W. Roebuck, K.C., former Attorney-General and Hydro Commissioner in the Hepburn Government) to continue his nefarious work for three years on the commission.

"And the Minister of Highways (Hon. T. B. McQuesten) sitting with him on the commission, was sitting up occasionally and saying 'aye, aye, Arthur, you are doing well.'"

Mr. Roebuck, the speaker charged, was a man, "who was out to destroy Hydro in every shape and form."

Mr. Henry cited that, four years ago, Premier Hepburn was keenly aware of the danger of war and its effect on Provincial financing. "But what have you done in preparing Hydro for the emergency?" he asked.

Mr. Houck broke in and listed three new projects in Ontario bringing in a total of 74,000 h.p.; the right to divert more water at Niagara; construction of new circuits from Quebec and the expenditure of almost \$30,000,000.

"I want to say this," declared the former Premier, "if I had been sitting on the commission with Dr. Hogg and had a free hand, I would be in negotiation with the Quebec companies."

Premier Hepburn immediately declared that Hydro Chairman Hogg had been given a free hand.