

LIBERAL M.P.P. IS SILENCED BY HEPBURN

Fears French-Canadian Stirring Racial Strife in Text-Book Criticism

Aurelian Belanger, Liberal French-Canadian member for Prescott, in the Legislature yesterday touched a match to smouldering inter-racial friction relative to the war effort which was quelled only after Conservative Leader Drew, seconded by Premier Hepburn, advised the members not to continue his address.

The threatened flare-up came in a discussion on school textbooks during debate on the Department of Education estimates, after W. J. Stewart (Con., Toronto-Parkdale) asserted that forty-seven poems and articles, patriotic in character, had been deleted from the current textbooks in public schools, as compared with those in use in 1925.

The French-Canadian member, prefaced his remarks with the assertion that "We love the Empire, but let them teach more Canadian history. I do not like to have everything Imperial. I know you do, but I like things Canadian."

"What's wrong with the Empire?" came from the Conservative side.

"Nothing, and I say we are doing more for the Empire than you have done."

Mr. Belanger was immediately halted by interjections from the House. Lieutenant-Colonel Drew declared an expression had just been used which "implied there is a division among the people of this Province relative to the conduct of the war. The member would be well advised to discontinue his remarks because such remarks only call for a response in kind." The inevitable exchange, he warned, would do no good and might do considerable harm.

The Premier was on his feet at the same time, declared that the member's statement was a provocative one and advised him to discontinue.

Red-faced and obviously angered, Mr. Belanger half rose from his seat and subsided, adding: "We have been very impatient all this time."

Hon. Duncan McArthur, previously to the outburst, had said he was in accord with Mr. Stewart's views, but stressed that the number of pages in textbooks devoted to patriotic material had been expanded, in the period under review, from 109 to 136 pages. Supplementary reading courses had also devoted a considerable amount of study to stories and biographies with the patriotic theme.

J. J. Glass (Lib., Toronto-St. Andrew) declared patriotism was essential but claimed also that in education there should be planted the seed which would tend to eradicate racial and religious prejudice and discrimination.

Milk Board 'Mossbacks' Hit As Macaulay Asks Price Cut

Demand from the Administration as to why, under the Milk Control Act, milk prices could not be reduced under a cash-and-carry basis, was made last night in consideration of Department of Agriculture estimates by Leopold Macaulay, Conservative, South York, and J. J. Glass, Liberal, Toronto-St. Andrew's.

Hon. P. M. Dewan, the Minister, claimed that the board "might just as well be done away with," if a price were set and was not adhered to. George H. Bethune, Liberal, Wentworth, said that, from the producer standpoint, there was no objection to cash-and-carry, but in

practice "chisellers" set in and "ruined" the business.

"Why should the mossbacks on the board crack down on a man when he attempts to reduce the price?" Mr. Macaulay suggested.

As indication that the milk control question cut across party lines, L. M. Frost, Conservative, Victoria, gave firm backing to the control operation, claiming that it assured fair prices to the producers as well as fair prices to the consumers. George Dunbar, Conservative, Ottawa South, disagreed on the consumer price angle, and led a string of supporters in their demands for a reduction in duplication in delivery and other distributor costs.

Labor-Boss Body Urged To Speed War Industry

Ontario Labor Minister Peter Heenan was urged last night by Lieutenant-Colonel George Drew, Opposition Leader, to arrange an Ontario industrial labor conference to assure the "maximum industrial production in this Province upon a basis that will prevent all stoppage of work owing to trade disputes and at the same time assure effective protection to the workers."

Inspiration for the recommendation, stated the Conservative Leader, was found in the brand of organization that has stimulated the high peak of production in the United Kingdom. He advised that to the conference should be invited representatives of each union now organized in Ontario, and equal number of representatives of employers to be chosen by the Ontario section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and also representatives of the Department of Labor.

While no definite reply indicat-

ing the Government's policy to the proposal was given, Mr. Heenan did state: "I realize that Ontario is important enough to deal with this itself." Earlier Colonel Drew declared the initial responsibility rested with Canada and charged that "no serious attempt has yet been made to bring the three great agencies of production, labor, industry and Governments under any effective plan."

In Britain, said Colonel Drew, labor was better organized before the war than in any other country. More than 90 per cent of all the agreements affecting wages, hours and factory conditions were established by agreement between workers and employers without the intervention of Government.

Labor Minister Heenan, in his response, said conditions here were not comparable. There were, he said, "actually" many employers who refused to deal with shop committees of their own men. The situation was further complicated in Canada in that no more than 7 per cent of labor was organized. "Some employers take advantage of this situation and pit one union against the other. They take advantage in every shape and form."