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## Never Need for Dull Moment, Says Macaulay, in Calling Mitch Hepburn Unpredictable

Former Premier Hepburn hasn't come to rest in "Bad Boys' Row," and the only sure prediction one could make about the ex-Government Leader "is that no one can predict what he will do next," Leopold Macaulay (Prog. Con., South York) said in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Macaulay spoke in the Budget debate, leading off for the Opposition.

"I once called Mr. Hepburn unpredictable," remarked Mr. Macaulay. "I still think that is the right name. However, why should I complain? His seat is now next to mine, and when things get dull, we can exchange reminiscences. In the meantime, I ponder on his political theorem that the more you know about politics, the more you realize that man's best friend is his dog."

Mr. Hepburn smiled at this observation. Frequently, the member for South York turned towards the former Provincial Treasurer, Premier Conant, at whom some of the Macaulay shafts were aimed,

appeared to be engrossed in papers on his desk.

The Treasurer's Budget was originally prepared as a prospectus for the old firm of Hepburn and Company, Mr. Macaulay continued.

"But the head man retired and put his nominee in, retaining a substantial interest—I think a majority interest—in the firm and keeping the key office of treasurer," said Mr. Macaulay. "Then, in a sudden brush-off, the new skipper dropped the old pilot overboard without even a boat to take him ashore. However, the old pilot is a strong swimmer, especially in rough water, and I see he has reached the beach safely. I am glad he is back in the House again.

"The Government boat is now without any steering gear and minus a pilot," said Mr. Macaulay. "There is plenty of wind, but no sail. It is blowing onto a lee shore, which every sailor knows, is fatal."

Mr. Hepburn's work in bringing about compulsory pasteurization of milk was described by Mr. Macaulay as the former Premier's "greatest single act of courage."