

TO INTRODUCE BILL ON LABOR ON THURSDAY

**Bargaining Bill Detail
Laid Before Caucus
of Liberals by Conant**

A collective bargaining bill patterned on the committee report tabled last week will be introduced by the Ontario Government on Thursday, it was decided last night at a caucus of Liberal members at Queen's Park.

Premier Conant and members of his Cabinet laid the entire problem before the Liberal membership, and received the "go-ahead" signal from the caucus after a session lasting nearly two hours and a half. There was some disagreement on certain sections of the report, it is understood, but the main provisions were approved.

The Government will hold another caucus Monday or Tuesday before the bargaining bill comes up for second reading. It was stated last night that a week's debate on the measure is likely to take place.

One of the changes discussed was to bring prosecutions under the act into the labor court rather than have infractions tried by a magistrate. It was felt that in the interests of uniformity it would be better to have the labor court try such cases rather than police courts throughout the Province.

The compulsory filing of a financial statement by a trade union—a provision strongly opposed by labor—may be altered by making the filing of such a statement contingent upon the discretion of the court. This would likely be in the event of a complaint against a union.

Another section provided that the act shall not be a detriment to returned soldiers who left industrial jobs to join the armed forces. It was the opinion of the caucus that all returned soldiers should be included, not merely those who left industrial jobs.

Premier Conant is reported to have told the caucus that the Government was duty bound to bring in a collective bargaining bill, and that it was never the intention of the Government to evade its duty.

Left Committee Alone.

Mr. Conant is said to have told the members that the reason he did not have anything to do with preparation of the report was that he did not wish the Cabinet to be left open to the charge of using influence on the committee.

Labor Minister Peter Heenan spoke at some length and urged all-out support for the bill to be brought into the House this week. Provincial Treasurer St. Clair Gordon, in private life a well-known manufacturer, endorsed the committee's report, it is understood.

It was the feeling that the committee's report was eminently fair to both labor and management, and did not give the former a club over the head of industry. This was not the view of the members when the Government first drafted a bill with the aid of J. L. Cohen, then counsel for the C.I.O. This draft bill was thrown out, and finally a committee was named.

A vote of thanks to the committee was adopted without dissent.

ONTARIO MOVES TOWARD STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Deserving Students
Will Receive Help,
Says Education Minister**

State scholarships, tenable in any Ontario university, agricultural college or normal school, are to be introduced in the Province next autumn, it was disclosed in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Duncan McArthur, Minister of Education. They are intended to aid deserving students in continuing their education when they could not otherwise do so, provided they have shown necessary qualities of mind and character for the courses they plan to undertake.

From 300 to 400 scholarships with a maximum value of \$450 each are to be awarded. The amount will vary with the need of the student, with greater allowance for a student who has to leave home to take his course. Scholarships will apply, under present plan, only to the first year, since the Federal Government's plan, it was explained, continues from there and the Provincial plan is intended to dovetail into it.

Provision is to be made also, the Minister said, for bright and able students to obtain their upper school standing if parents cannot afford to keep them at school, so that they may be put in a position to qualify for a scholarship in a later year. Details of the upper school proposal were not given.

There is to be no interference with the awarding of scholarships, which will be in the hands of a committee already experienced with such matters. They will be awarded on a joint basis of need and scholarship, but no pupil will be admitted merely on scholarship without qualities of mind and character to fit him for his course, the House was told. Also, scholarships will be awarded on a population basis, with a smaller rural unit giving smaller centres a greater percentage than larger cities.

The \$450 amount of the scholarship is not intended to cover the entire cost of the first year's study, parents and pupil being expected to do their part. Scholarships will not be awarded to students whose parents can afford to pay for their education.

"This is a new experiment in investment of the capital of this Province in its youth. I'm confident youth will rise to its opportunity," said Dr. McArthur.