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WARNS ONTARIO MUST BEWARE OF 'PANACEAS'

In his maiden speech in the Legislature yesterday, moving adoption of the Speech from the Throne, Dr. R. Hobbs Taylor (P.C., Huron) warned against "panaceas" that would be advanced during the session to solve Ontario's problems, particularly health and security.

"In the vanguard of many of these," he declared, "will be the suggestion that, by the twist of a political pen, a new vista of Utopia will be immediately opened for us with an abundance of social securities." But, he advised, "any country that predicates a way of life mainly on social securities is already half dead."

He expressed approval of the Government's program for agriculture as "concrete and constructive," and lauded the Highways Department's plan for employing many thousands of men on highway work to prevent unemployment as "clear, definite and workable." The legislative program offered gave answer to the ultimate aims of Ontario citizens and found special approval, he said, in rural areas, part of whose population he represented.

Jolliffe Speaks Today.

C.C.F. Opposition Leader E. B. Jolliffe moved adjournment of the brief 80-minute session. He will open today the debate on the motion for the Throne Speech's adoption, in an address expected to occupy the greater part of the afternoon.

An era of scarcity in distribution was the chief evil of the economic system, J. L. McDonald (P.C., Stormont) declared in seconding the Throne Speech. It was not a question of production but one of properly distributing the goods on an equitable basis, he said. Mr. McDonald said the "so-called" economic experts had lagged behind in this respect.

Mr. McDonald asserted that he did not subscribe to the belief that the State owed every one a living. The State should protect the aged and the blind and the sick and the feeble, and it owed to every able-bodied person the opportunity of obtaining the things necessary for a full and complete life, he declared.

Won't Hurt Democracy.

"That can be accomplished and we still can retain democracy," he said amid applause.

Mr. McDonald dealt at length with farm problems and voiced criticism of "armchair farmers" who, on paper, could operate a farm at a profit. They were better at giving lectures than providing practical demonstrations, he said. The speaker declared that soil conservation and reforestation were of vital importance to agriculture and called for careful study. In recent years 1,000,000 acres of land had gone out of production simply because everything had been taken from the soil and nothing was put back into it.

Ontario Liberals Name Kelly Whip

Frank Kelly, member for Muskoka-Ontario, was named Liberal Whip at a party caucus yesterday after adjournment of the Legislature. He was elected to the Legislature in 1934 and subsequently in 1937 and 1943. The caucus discussed the Haldimand-Norfolk by-election, and the members endorsed the recent statement of Liberal Leader H. C. Nixon that the question of putting a candidate in the field would be left to the local Liberal Association in the riding. It was the majority feeling, however, that a party candidate should be named.