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## Ontario Plans Far More Jobs Than Ottawa Figures Indicate

Before the orders of the day in the Legislature yesterday, Premier Drew directed the attention of the House to a published report by Dr. G. M. Weir, Pensions Department, to the House of Commons Committee on Reconstruction, that Provincial Governments estimated 77,274 employment opportunities would be available after the war, of which 17,668 would be in Ontario and 22,595 in Quebec.

not aware of the source of the figures and has not been asked for any figures. In fact, plans under way contemplate employment far beyond those figures.

"The figures," the Premier said, "are wholly inconsistent, as far as Ontario is concerned, even on the basis of plans now prepared."

Dr. Weir's figures, the report said, were based on a survey on rehabilitation tabled by Pensions Minister Ian Mackenzie.

"This Government," he said, "is

## Securities Act Change Aims to Curb Abuses

An amendment to the Ontario Securities Act, designed to encourage investment and at the same time more effectively curb abuses perpetrated on the investing public, will be brought down in the Legislature shortly. It was learned at Queen's Park yesterday that legislation dealing with mining problems will also be introduced following a study of a report from the mining commission of inquiry.

The mining commission is expected to wind up its sittings shortly and to have its report containing

specific recommendations in the hands of the Government within the next 10 days. Considerable study has been given to all phases of the mining industry in its relation to taxation, prospecting and the sale of mining stocks.

The Securities Act amendment will remove some of the features which it is claimed are restrictive in their nature, but ample provision will be made to protect the public against fraudulent practices. There are safeguards now, but it is hoped to make them even more effective.

## Ontario Cabinet Addition Unlikely

The creation of the new department of planning and development is not likely to entail the appointment of an addition to the Drew Cabinet, according to Queen's Park information yesterday. The bill setting up the department will be introduced next week, along with a bill to amend the Executive Council Act. The latter amendment simply paves the way for the additional portfolio.

It is believed one of the present members of the Drew Cabinet will assume direction of the department of planning and development. Hydro Chairman G. H. Challies, Minister without Portfolio, and Highways Minister George Doucett have been mentioned in this connection.