

## Orange Lodge Scents 'Insult' In Anti-Discrimination Bill

A strongly worded protest against the Government's anti-discrimination bill has been made by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, which yesterday sent copies of a telegram setting forth its views to every member of the Ontario Legislature.

The Government's bill makes it an offense for any person or organization to publish material reflecting on any race or creed. Penalties of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for the second and subsequent offenses are provided in the bill.

The Grand Orange Lodge protest, over the signature of Leslie H. Saunders, secretary of the legislation committee, describes the proposed measure as an "insult to the intelligence of Ontario citizens," and asserts that under its terms no Protestant paper could lawfully discuss or propound its own faith or belief.

"To suppress such discussion is a violation of a basic principle of British freedom of speech in the pulpit and the press," the wire concludes.

"There is nothing in the bill which can possibly limit freedom of speech in any way," said Premier Drew last night. He said the Gov-

ernment's views would be given when the bill comes up for second reading either today or tomorrow. The Liberal group in the House will not oppose the bill, it was reported yesterday. The C.C.F. Opposition is also prepared to support the bill, it is reported, though it is believed this group would have liked to see it drafted in different form.

## Ottawa Cannot Escape Blame For Beer Scarcity: Blackwell

Though the Dominion Government reduced Ontario's beer quota by only 10 per cent, it is still responsible, through circumstances set up, for the further 15 per cent reduction by Ontario of beer available in beverage rooms, Attorney-General Leslie Blackwell told the Legislature yesterday.

Commenting before orders of the day on a letter in yesterday's Globe and Mail questioning the Ontario Liquor Board's notice posted recently in all liquor outlets and beverage rooms, Mr. Blackwell defended the notice's statement that "the quantity of alcoholic beverages available is restricted by reason of Order-in-Council P.C. 11374 passed by the Dominion Government, Dec. 16, 1942."

The effect of the order had been retroactive, he said, and Ontario has

found itself oversold. The Federal order had created an inadequacy of supplies which made Provincial rationing imperative to overcome winter lineups at beer stores. Hence Ontario had transferred 15 per cent additional from "on premises" sale to sale for home use through warehouses. So that the reduction to 75 per cent had, in fact, been "by reason of Order-in-Council P.C. 11374," the Minister maintained.

"For the letter to suggest that the Government of Canada had nothing to do with that decision is preposterous," said Mr. Blackwell. "It was made by obligation of circumstances set in motion by the Federal Government over which Ontario had no control. It was made by reason of the Order-in-Council by which governing restrictions forcing that action on our part were brought into being."

## WARNS AGAINST SNAP ELECTION IN ONTARIO

R. A. McEwing (Lib., Wellington North) warned Premier George Drew in the Legislature last night that the people of Ontario "are not in any temper to consider any election," and that the Premier alone could cause an early appeal to the country.

The E. C. Drury Government had lived out its span despite a small majority, Mr. McEwing said, and there was no reason the present Government could not carry on in face of the present urgency.

"Premier Drew has come in with the sincere desire to give good government," he said, "and if not obstructed possibly by those within his own party as well as other parties, we will see a new trail blazed in Ontario. The Premier holds in his own hand the key as to whether we have an early election or not. If he persists in introducing legislation which other members cannot support, he alone will cause an election. I warn him the people are not in any temper to consider an election. Frankly my pocketbook gets hit pretty hard."

Urging the teaching of Christianity, not religions as such, but the golden rule, in Ontario's schools, Mr. McEwing said he had gone to hear Dr. Shields in Toronto address a mass meeting on education. "And I wasn't the only member of the House there either," he added.

"To my mind, Dr. Shields does not teach Christianity as I believe it," he said. "If we had a Canada full of Dr. Shieldses we never would have a united Canada. He teaches sectionalism. What I want taught is Christianity."

He challenged the right of the C.C.F. to speak for agriculture and warned the Opposition that others besides the C.C.F. had rights and a yardstick to measure them.

S. L. Hall (P.C., Halton), in the second briefest speech in the Throne Speech debate, five minutes, approved the Government's "long-needed Department of Planning and Development and urged Ontario to be worthy of its sons' wartime sacrifices."

Answering a question by G. H. Mitchell (C.C.F., York North), Premier Drew tabled the information that the new principal of University of Toronto Schools, W. B. MacMurray, possesses the required qualifications, as do five other staff members.