

SAVE FORESTS, M.P.P. URGES

Major changes in the forest policy of the Government were urged last night in the Legislature by Garfield Anderson (C.C.F., Fort William), who warned that, as far as the Thunder Bay district was concerned, timber operations there were depleting the forests at an alarming rate. Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, the Mayor of Fort William said the citizens of his area were alarmed at the volume of timber being exported.

Lands and Forests Minister W. G. Thompson interrupted at this point and asked the Fort William member if it was not a fact that the Lakehead municipalities had asked the Ontario Government for permission to export wood.

"Yes, that is so," replied Mr. Anderson. "It was asked as an unemployment measure. But today alarm is felt at the tremendous amount of wood being exported."

Coupled with his views on timber, was a request that the Government move in the direction of increasing salaries of teachers. Of 64,000 public school teachers, 32 per cent received less than \$600 a year; 60 per cent were in receipt of less than \$900 annually, and over 73 per cent were paid less than \$1,200 a year, he asserted.

"Not a very attractive wage," observed Mr. Anderson. "If wages were in line with the cost of living I am sure he wouldn't have so much difficulty getting teachers, even in wartime."

MILLARD WARNS ON SCHOOL TAX

In addition to implementing his promise that the Government would assume 50 per cent of education costs, Premier Drew must also correct the "economic tangle" in many municipalities due to inequitable assessments and school rates, C. H. Millard (C.C.F.-York West) declared in the Legislature last night.

Mr. Millard, closing the Throne Speech debate for the Opposition, adjourned the House to continue his remarks probably today. Dana H. Porter (P.C., Toronto-St. George) will conclude the debate for the Government.

He cited figures on taxes and assessments on similar homes in various parts of the Yorks—Mimico, Long Branch, Forest Hill and Scarborough—to show wide disparity which must be adjusted, he said. This brought from Provincial Secretary G. H. Dunbar the approving remark that equalization of assessments was exactly what the Government was trying to do.

Mr. Millard warned that if the Government did not implement its school tax promise at once there would be "dangerous disappointment and disgust," and the Government would be charged with "breaking faith."

S. J. Hunt (P.C., Renfrew North) lauded Government postwar plans but warned that people did not want paternalism and advised that the Province "help those who help themselves."

Wants Control Of 'Mob Rule'

In a reference to labor strikes, T. P. Murray (L., Renfrew South), condemned "mob rule" and said it was the right of the Government to govern. "The Government's should be the final word," he said, "and no C.I.O. or other union should rule. If a Government cannot control mob rule, the Government should resign."

He resented ridicule of this country's Government by people from Europe, he said, and thought that if the Labor Government in England had "kept its eyes open" Hitler would not have got as far as he did. "While they were wrangling Hitler was welding his gang together," said Mr. Murray.

Gordon to Take Seat in House

A. St. Clair Gordon (L., Kent West) will make his first appearance in the Legislature next week and will undertake the duties of financial critic for the Liberal group. Mr. Gordon has fully recovered from his recent illness. It is expected Provincial Treasurer Leslie Frost will bring down his Budget either late next week or early the following week, depending on the degree of progress made with other matters before the House.