

## Canada Should Not 'Entice' British Capital, Says Connor

British capital should be kept at home to provide work for British workers instead of being brought to Canada after the war to create plants here, Herbert Connor (C.C.F., Hamilton East) told the Legislature last night in the Budget debate.

He took issue with Premier George Drew's plan to have British industrialists establish plants in Ontario in the postwar era.

"The British workingman has suffered more than the Canadian workingman," said Mr. Connor. "You know that there was a time when British industrialists closed down their home factories and kept their plants in China, Japan and

India going, putting British workers on the dole. We should do nothing to entice British capital here. If it comes of its own accord, well, O.K. But we shouldn't go after it. We can create enough work right here ourselves."

Mr. Connor also warned that Canada would have a market for its agricultural goods just as long as the war lasts. As soon as Denmark and other European countries got back into competition again, the market would be lost to Canada.

The decision of the Government to increase the race track tax by 5 per cent drew from the C.C.F. member the suggestion that the Government should place a tax on the other gamble, "the stock exchange, which is just as big a gamble as the rack tracks."

Mr. Connor described the Budget as a "typical Tory Budget."

The reference to revision of mining taxation was criticized by Mr. Connor, who observed, "The Government has the gall to shed crocodile tears over the mines." It was his opinion that the "mining barons kicked in to the kit" at election time.

"He who pays the piper calls the tune," said Mr. Connor.

## Revised Health Services Bill Is Ready for Third Reading

With four Government amendments granting tax exemptions to those unable to pay or belonging to certain health services or religious groups, the new Ontario act to establish municipal health services passed through committee stage in the Legislature yesterday.

The act requires only third reading now to become law. The amendments by the Government evidently satisfied objections raised by Opposition groups to certain technicalities.

The amendments provide for (1) cancellation of reduction of taxes of a person who from sickness or extreme poverty is unable to pay, (2) exemption from tax for any class or group of persons contributing to a medical or health services plan. (3) Exemption of duly accredited members and adherents of any religious denomination designated by regulations from any tax imposed

under Section 6 and Section 7 in respect of such portion of any premises as might be owned and occupied as a residence by any such member or adherent upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, and (4) cancellation on reduction of taxes of persons charged or overcharged by error.

Health Minister Dr. R. P. Vivian, replying to J. B. Salsberg (L.P., Toronto-St. Andrew) said wording of the amendments clarified clauses in which provision already had been made for payment of the health services tax by those receiving public assistance as well as for Provincial Government assistance to assure success of the plan. Specific determination of income would bring in objectionable tests, he maintained.

Opposition Leader E. B. Jolliffe expressed "doubt about so much power and discretion being invested in the Minister."

## Arrange Ottawa Labor Code Talk

Labor Minister Charles Daley told the Legislature yesterday in connection with the new Federal Labor Code, that an appointment had been made with Ottawa officials for Saturday, when he hoped "more finality can be secured in connection with the establishment of the code."

Replying to A. A. MacLeod (L.P., Toronto-Bellwoods), who said there was a feeling of uneasiness in the labor movement as to how the Labor Code would affect collective bargaining votes now in progress, Mr. Daley said it was his intention to make representations to the Federal Labor Minister in this regard.

It was important that any such work started should be preserved. But, Mr. Daley stated, he could give no assurance, though he believed that that would be the net result.

## HOPES CANADA NO 'POODLE DOG'

Canadians must decide whether Canada's destiny is to be realized within the British Empire, said Dr. Hobbs Taylor (P.C., Huron) in the Legislature Budget debate last night.

"If we are going to be the poodle dog of our neighbor to the south, let us know about it," said Dr. Taylor. "Let us decide where our destiny is going to be. But, unless we make a decision, no economic policy can be on sound ground. I don't want to tear up the whole fabric of our national life. I don't want to tear down the good standards that have been obtained. But I want to reach down and raise up the low-income levels."

A monetary rebellion was envisaged by the speaker, who called for a new monetary system to replace the present "impossible" one. The great middle class of Canada, which up to now had been the stabilizing element of our culture, stood in danger of being squeezed out of existence.

"In this liquidation we are in danger of liquidating potential leadership so sorely needed. We must have a national policy from which an international policy must stem. The lays of logrolling are over."