

CLOTHING SUM INCREASE PLEA OUT OF ORDER

Two Labor-Progressive resolutions were ruled out of order in the Legislature yesterday and an appeal from the ruling of the Speaker in the case of one of them was voted down without recourse to a recorded vote.

One resolution, sponsored by A. A. MacLeod, Toronto-Bellwoods, asked the House to present a memorial to Ottawa, urging that the civilian clothing allowance for active service force members be increased to at least \$125.

Premier George Drew opposed the resolution on the ground that it dealt with a matter outside the jurisdiction of Ontario. He expressed complete sympathy with the purpose of the resolution, and if it were a matter for Provincial jurisdiction he would support it with argument and by his vote.

"Loose Practice."

"A loose practice has grown up that permits resolutions to be adopted here on matters outside the jurisdiction of the House," the Premier said. "We should not pass resolutions here which deal with matters that are the exclusive province of the Dominion. It doesn't mean that we are not concerned with the problem dealt with in the resolution. We are. But the place for it is the House of Commons, not a Provincial Assembly. Control of all matters pertaining to the armed forces belong to Ottawa, not to us."

The second resolution, standing in the name of J. B. Salsberg (L.P., Toronto-St. Andrew), sought to have the Labor Committee of the House inquire into minimum wage rates and to submit to the House proposals and recommendations for a new minimum wage scale.

Long on Order Paper.

Speaker Stewart ruled this resolution was an abstract motion and dealt with matters outside the scope of a committee. Mr. Salsberg declared the resolution had been on the order paper since March 14. He had tried to bring a similar matter before the Labor Committee, but had been told that nothing that had not been referred to the committee by the House could be considered.

Premier Drew said there was a definite procedure the member for St. Andrew could have followed to have the matter brought before the Labor Committee, and this had not been followed.

"It is not for the Legislature to change its rules simply for the purpose of adjusting itself to the desire of a member who wishes to follow a course other than that laid down," the Premier said.

Mr. Salsberg appealed the Speaker's ruling and the Speaker was sustained on a call for ayes and nays.

Fears Car Stickers Will Cause Mishaps

The possibility that accidents might result from the ruling that the 1944 automobile sticker must be placed in horizontal position at the lower lefthand corner of the windshield was raised in the Legislature last night by C.C.F. Leader E. B. Jolliffe. The matter came up during consideration of estimates.

A motorist of short stature might be under a handicap which could be serious, Mr. Jolliffe said. An area of vision was obscured by the requirement that the sticker be placed at the lefthand lower corner.

Highways Minister George Doucett said the public had been informed they could place the sticker anywhere on the windshield to overcome this situation, but the sticker had to go on the front of the car.

Civil Service Changes

Readjustment of the Ontario Civil Service is to be announced in two or three weeks, Premier George Drew told the Legislature last night. He said that already nearly \$400,000 had been set aside for salary adjustments and added that he expected to be able to announce the complete plan for the Civil Service shortly. The matter came up during discussion of estimates for the Prime Minister's department.