

## Public Apology Tendered By Williams to Premier

Arthur Williams (C.C.F., Ontario), in the Legislature yesterday offered an unreserved apology to Premier George A. Drew for an insulting remark he hurled at the Premier just before midnight, Wednesday. Premier Drew had risen after Mr. Williams had spoken nearly three hours to suggest that a filibuster was being attempted to delay completion of the Throne Speech debate.

"You should be thrown out. That's the dirtiest remark any swine could possibly make," Mr. Williams retorted.

Mr. Williams rose yesterday before the orders of the day to tell the House and crowded galleries that he had spoken under pressure of the moment and that he had

crossed the floor immediately after the House rose to apologize personally to the Premier for his outburst. He felt, however, that a public apology was called for.

"I became involved in a most regrettable incident," Mr. Williams said. "I said some words I ought not to have said. At the conclusion of the sitting I went at once to apologize to him (the Premier). But I felt that that is not satisfactory. Having made the statement in public, I feel that I should unreservedly withdraw it in public."

"I unreservedly accept it," smiled the Premier. "And in addition I can only repeat that he came to me and expressed his regret in a most generous manner." There the incident closed.

## 21-Man Commission Named To Probe Ontario Education

Personnel of a 21-man Royal Commission to inquire into the Ontario system of education was announced yesterday by Premier George A. Drew. Mr. Justice Hope was named chairman some months ago, but no further details were disclosed at that time. The first meetings of the commission will be held in Toronto, April 11 and 12.

"Now that we have our new system of grants under way and our general facts established on the matter of costs, we are prepared to begin a much broader inquiry," said the Premier. "Every matter relating to education in Ontario will be open to review and there will be no limitation placed on representations to the commission."

Complete personnel of the commission is as follows:

Mr. Justice Hope, chairman; M. A. Campbell, Toronto; Charles Conquergood, Toronto; Vance Chapman, Port Arthur; W. H. Clarke, Toronto; E. F. Henderson, Toronto; Mrs. J. Houck, Brampton; Arthur Kelly, Toronto; Mrs. R. J. Marshall,

Toronto; Fred Molineux, Hamilton; Norman McLeod, Toronto; Dr. Ralph J. Neelands, Kirkland Lake; Mrs. Ryland New, Oakville; Joseph M. Pigott, Hamilton; Loftus H. Reid, Toronto; Charles R. Sanderson, Toronto; Miss Helen Sheppard, North Bay; Dr. Sidney E. Smith, Toronto; Henri St. Jacques, Ottawa; Rev. Canon W. A. Townshend, London, and Dr. William L. Whitelock, Hamilton.

## Town Planning Bill Introduced

A bill authorizing municipalities throughout the Province to establish town-planning systems was given first reading in the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

Sponsored by Planning Minister Dana Porter, the bill was one of 17 Government measures brought in. It provides that all cities, towns, villages and townships may set up boards to plan for zoning systems; siting of public buildings, airports, or any other public works; location and width of streets and communication routes; restrictions on the size and siting of buildings, on the sale of land, and on the size of building lots and park areas.

The measure also sets out a method of appointing the planning board, and authorizes any municipality to expropriate lands within its borders and to dispose of such land as it sees fit in order to develop a planning system.

Extensive revision of the Municipal Act is provided in a bill introduced by Provincial Secretary George Dunbar. A privilege now held by cities and towns only, that of applying to the Ontario Municipal Board for division into wards, is extended to villages and township towns of under 15,000 population may set a maximum number of aldermen, instead of electing one for every 1,000 population as at present.

A bill to amend the money-lenders' act provides that Provincial registration of money-lenders is no longer required.

Another measure would permit establishment anywhere in Ontario of industrial farms such as are now located in some cities.