

# Acres Not Listening, Talking, Talking That Is

Injecting into the Budget debate a spirited defense of bingo, A. H. Acres (P.C., Carleton) enlivened and at times amused the Ontario Legislature yesterday. He confided to the House that his wife and daughter "love to go to a bingo" and, though he was a good churchman, he liked bingo, and a horse race and a five and ten cent game of poker.

"I regret," he said, "that Attorney-General Blackwell ever said anything against bingo. In my riding I told a hall, which I shall not name, to go ahead with its bingo anyway. It's all right to make laws, but you've got to break 'em some place."

Mr. Acres suggested that, since the law against gambling was Federal, the Attorney-General should not attempt to enforce it but should leave it to Prime Minister King to send "lots of police" into Ontario.

Interrupted by the Speaker, who said it was sometimes hard to hear his remarks, Mr. Acres, veteran of 23 years in the House, quipped: "That's all right. I'm not listening—I'm talking."

## "Never Hurt Anybody"

Mr. Acres attacked the movement for a 40-hour week and demanded: "How can any labor agitator talk 40 hours when there's so much work to be done? Work never hurt anybody." He singled out as "labor agitators who should be in an internment camp" the two Labor-Progressive members, J. B. Salsberg (Toronto-St. Andrew) and A. A. MacLeod (Toronto-Bellwoods), and

R. H. Carlin, C.C.F. member from Sudbury.

Contributing to the debate during the afternoon were T. K. Creighton (P.C., Ontario), M. T. Armstrong (L., Parry Sound) and Romeo Begin (L., Russell). Mr. Creighton, endorsing Ontario's proposals to the Dominion-Provincial Conference, urged that, since the Province's future requirements could not be predicted, it must retain control over its own finances and taxation if it was to progress.

## Criticizes Deficit

Mr. Armstrong criticized the \$21 million deficit predicted in the Budget, but said he thought the "deficit" had been put in to give the Province "a little better bargaining power at the Dominion-Provincial Conference." He approved the Government's plan for a farm machinery pool for the North and the projected Parry Sound-Sudbury highway, but condemned extension of the deer season from two to three weeks. It should be cut to 10 days, he said, if any deer were to remain in the North in a few years.

Mr. Begin called on the Government to control increased education grants so that municipalities would be compelled to pass on the benefit to the taxpayer, which, he claimed, was not now being done in many cases.

The budget debate will be officially concluded on Tuesday, but to all intents it was completed last night with addresses by J. B. Salsberg (L.P., Toronto - St. Andrew) and G. W. Parry (P.C., Kent West). Liberal Opposition Leader Farquhar Oliver adjourned the debate until Tuesday when he and Premier Drew will wind it up formally and the House will be divided on it.

Though 38 Government and private bills were advanced last night, 32 through second reading and six through committee stage, considerable legislation has yet to be dealt with. Indication earlier in the week was that the House might complete its business late next week. Prorogation now depends, however, on how much discussion Attorney-General Blackwell's new Liquor License Act, 1946, introduced yesterday, will occasion.