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Will Modify Immunity Law

Protest From Liberals and Conservatives Alike Will Bear Fruit

The Judicature Act amendments sponsored in the Legislature Wednesday by Attorney-General Conant will, themselves, be amended when the House meets this afternoon, it was reliably reported Wednesday.

The original amendments, in bill form had no more than been distributed than a general protest—Liberal M.L.A.'s protesting, too—is said to have developed against that section, which would, it is understood, give all Government employees or civil servants immunity from court injunctions and similar processes. The situation reached a climax later when Opposition Leader Macaulay branded the bill as "a retrograde step" and intimated determined opposition to it.

Consequently, when today's amendments come down the House will learn, it is said, that the Government now proposes to extend this immunity only to employees definitely engaged in Succession Duties Branch activities.

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PARTY CAUCUS BARS ROEBUCK, INVITES CROLL

Former Attorney-General Reportedly Stripped of Patronage

SPLIT NOT YET HEALED

Former Attorney-General Arthur W. Roebuck will be excluded from the Liberal Party caucus which will be held at Premier Hepburn's directions, at Queen's Park this morning.

Invitations to the affair were issued Thursday, but Mr. Roebuck was not favored, although former Labor-Welfare Minister David A. Croll drew a bid. These two ex-Cabinet members broke with Mr. Hepburn last spring over the Government's handling of the Oshawa strike situation and the C.I.O. issue.

Mr. Croll, to all appearances, is again back in the good graces of the party, but the caucus ostracism of Mr. Roebuck is to be carried to the point, it is said, where he is being stripped of all party patronage in his Toronto riding of Bellwoods.

The former Attorney-General took his seat in the House Thursday, but took no part in the debate on the special succession duties legislation, except to parry several thrusts concerning the power situation from Opposition Leader Leopold Macaulay.