Treasurer backs down on OHIP premiums

By ALF STONG MPP York Centre

Legislature last Tuesday, Tate, premiums will only cent for enable these courts to the Treasurer announced generate \$126 million. It is anticipated that the capital projects by \$4 premium increase. We plement its 4 per cent financing health care in receive evidence and hiring freeze will result in million.

Treasurer has been crease will be reduced 50 To make up the dif- a reduction by attrition in Loans by the Ontario increase in the monthly wage settlements (\$67) Treasurer has been crease will be reduced 50 To make up the difference to 18.75 per ference, the Treasurer of the combined per cent — to 18.75 per ference, the Treasurer of the civil service of some of the civil service

back down on the major of \$19 a month for in-revenue-raising item in dividuals and \$38 a month spending by \$73 million, his March 7 Budget. It for families.

Government will reduce saving of about \$38 a month of a jobs will not be affected. This would service such as public and services and services such as public and services and services are public and services and services are public and services and services are public and services are public and services and services are public and services are public and services are public and services are public a ms march 7 Budget. It for families.

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The Ontario making up the total of \$73 To compensate for this increasing the Corporate will amend the identify the persons on was the Treasurer's Had the originally freeze on hiring in the The Ontario million in appending outs change in the Treasurer's printing \$24 million, and Attorney-General which provides for the sheriff to was the freasurer's had the originally freeze on hiring in the Development Corporation million in spending cuts change in the Treasurer's Income Tax by 0.5 per Judicature Act and the jury roll who are intention to raise the planned premium in-civil service. Also, the Development Corporation by the Covernment projected revenues with affecting the identity the persons on the intention of the identity the persons on the intention of the identity the persons on the identity the persons of the identity the identity the persons of the identity the identity the persons of the identity the iden per cent as of May I, in- tect, some \$271 million in introduced a bill to raise creasing single monthly additional revenue would the Corporate Income coverage from \$16 to \$22, have been generated, to Tax one percentage point.

The amendment to the English.

Judicature Act provides In the opinion of the proposed \$47 million. my last week's report I provincial lottery funds million.

The Premier has for bilingual trials in Attorney General, these coverage from \$16 to \$22, have been generated, to Tax one percentage point.

\$2 million and university intended 37.5 per cent Government to im- alternative methods of enable these courts to the French language in

coverage from \$16 to \$22, have been generated, to Tax one percentage point.

family coverage from \$32 pay a higher share of the This tax rate will now rise to \$44.

In a statement in the costs. At the new lower companies and 10 per the final for blingual trials in Attorney General, these agreed to our proposal courts in designated amendments represent a will be reduced by \$5 package of proposed the Ministry of Health's agreed to our proposal courts in designated amendments represent a will be reduced by \$5 package of proposed the budget estimates by \$50 that a select committee counties and districts of major step towards million; forcing the be established to study Ontario, and would laying the "foundation for building construction by Treasurer's originally million; forcing the be established to study Ontario, and would laying the "foundation for building construction by Treasurer's originally million; forcing the be established to study Ontario, and would laying the "foundation for building construction by Treasurer's originally million; forcing the be established to study Ontario, and would laying the "foundation for building construction by Treasurer's originally million; forcing the be established to study Ontario, and would laying the "foundation for building construction by Day and D and expansion of French language services in Ontario courts". Albert Roy, Liberal MPP (Ottawa East), who has - since 1973 - introduced Private Members' bills which would amend this legislation in a similar fashion, congratulated the Attorney-General on the bills, which he considered "an important step".

According to Ministry

of Education statistics, only 43.5 per cent of the

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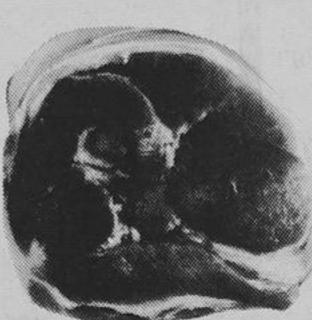
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school counterparts: some 55 per cent of them are employed, compared with only 33 per cent of secondary graduates. A report prepared by the Council of Ontario Universities states that twice as many teachers graduated in 1977 than were required by provincial schools and the market is expected to deteriorate before it begins to improve.

At the high school level, according to the report, the supply of teachers is three times the demand. More than 3,000 high school teachers graduated in 1977 and only slightly more than 1,000 were required. Projections outlined in the report indicate that the demand for high school teachers will fall to near zero by 1981 or 1982 then increase slightly.

demand for elementary teachers will, apparently, remain constant until early in the next decade, when it will begin to increase a little.

Maj. Ballard to be guest this Sunday at Maple

Major Norman Ballard of World War II fame, will be the guest preacher, Sunday, May 7 at a regimental parade to be held at St. Stephen's Church in Maple.

Veterans of the Old Third Battalion, Toronto Regiment, the Royal Regiment of Canada and allied units will gather for their annual Spring Regimental Parade, which is scheduled for 11 a.m.

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