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## IT'S A HARD LIFE

"A policeman's lot is not a happy one!" So said the musical comedy quip of years ago.

"A politician's life is not an easy one!" So runs the tragedy of public life to-day.

After a quarter of a century of public service, Hon. Geo. S. Henry, premier of Ontario, is under a cloud.

The life of the politician is a hard one. He gets little thanks for all the good he does, but the critics seem to watch with the keenest envy for the slightest slip that may be fastened upon and made into a veritable mountain of condemnation.

Hon. Geo. Henry never appeared to be a man who sought reputation for more than common judgment. He did strive through the years for a name for unquestioned honesty and integrity.

It seems to be asking much of men in politics that they should be debared from investments of practically any kind. Yet that seems the issue. Hon. Mr. Henry in 1930 purchased \$25,000.00 worth of Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds.

These days Governments all appear to be looking for persons and things to tax. It is difficult to believe that anything has been overlooked. Yet such seems to be the case.

Under present conditions this money, made in Canada, escapes taxation. If it remained here it would be taxed in one form or another.

At the banquet in connection with the annual meeting last week at Toronto of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Hon. R. B. Bennett, premier of Canada, paid a well-merited tribute to Hon. W. A. Gordon, the "Minister from the North" in the Bennett Cabinet.

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Despite the fact that an action has been instituted by a man in Windsor to have the premier's seat in the Legislature forfeited and a penalty collected, the Attorney-General of the province maintains that no law has been broken and the action cannot be successful.

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the member for Lotbiniere may fully deserve the monument suggested. The Advance would respectfully suggest caution and care before any monuments are erected in the matter, at the public expense. If there must be a monument, then let it be in the form of a question mark so that posterity may not be bamboozled.

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This recommendation is based on the results of an investigation made by the Ontario Research Foundation. The report covering the investigation which was requested by Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, three years ago, was tabled in the Ontario Legislature on Thursday of last week.

Containing, among other things, exhaustive information concerning processing, utilization and mining of the lignite, the report states that the results from tests in conjunction with the material embodied in the report would permit a final conclusion as to the possibilities or not of commercial development in the near future, and "will, in any case, establish the value of this deposit to the Province of Ontario as a contingency fuel reserve."

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An inquiry with respect to lignite was made by D. M. Ross (Progressive, North Oxford), and Hon. Charles McCrea, in reply, referred to the report he had received. It would cost \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 to establish a plant to mine it, but a pilot plant might be set up for experimentation at a cost of \$80,000.

## FIRST TOURIST PARTY FOR THE NORTH GO WESTWARD

Announcement of the first tourist party to come North this season was given last week, but it turns out unfortunately that they didn't come North enough, but instead went West from North Bay. If the road connecting the Sudbury and Porcupine camps were completed, there would be hope that they might still come North, but as it is the first Northern tourists appear fated to stay South, so far as the real North is concerned.

In referring to the tourists hailed as the first to come North, The North Bay Nugget last week says:—"The tourist season in Northern Ontario was ushered in this morning with the arrival in the city of the first party of vacationists to invade the North this year. Numbering five persons, two men and three women, the party arrived by motor car from Toronto and, after gassing up, continued on to Sudbury in which vicinity they intend to take a cottage for the summer months. They reported the highway in good condition, excepting for some rough spots north of Burks Falls."

Judge: "Can't this case be settled out of court?"  
Murphy: "Shure, yer honour. That's just what the two av us wuz tryin' to do whin th' police interfered."

Fottsville Journal:—Each of Nicaragua's rebels has been given a farm, that being regarded as the quickest way to break his spirit.

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