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# MARKET AND LEGISLATURE

**Debate On Law Enforcement in Connection With Share Trading Feature Coming Session**

TORONTO, Feb. 6.—With an imposing Conservative majority as a result of the provincial general elections Oct. 30 last, the first session of the eighteenth Ontario legislature opened yesterday. Into the remodelled chamber at Queen's Park Premier G. H. Ferguson leads a contingent of 91 members, against a total opposition of 21.

Considerable legislation has been planned and with the prospects of a working majority of 70 in a house of 112, the Ferguson government has gone quietly ahead preparing its 1930 legislative program.

But a disturbing element has arisen and promises to upset the serenity of the present session. It has come on the heels of the stock market crash and has grown in intensity as arrests have followed charges of irregular operations of stock brokerage houses. The situation has become Dominion-wide and in several instances official provincial cognizance has been taken. Investigations have been set in motion and are proceeding.

With this development creeping into the political field, the Ferguson government in Ontario finds itself the target of a small but militant Liberal minority. With charges of laxity in law enforcement levelled against the Conservative government by W. E. N. Sinclair, there is every indication that the repercussion from the stock market will be subjected to a generous airing on the floor of the legislative assembly.

Speaking from a public platform in Waterloo, Ont., Mr. Sinclair charged Hon. W. F. Price, attorney-general, with failure to make use of the powers vested in him. He spoke of conditions in the brokerage field and losses suffered by the public through the machinations of unscrupulous operators, citing an instance of one unnamed Toronto house which he charged had "bucketed" nearly 70 per cent of its clients' orders. The Liberal leader called for a royal commission to investigate affairs in this province, and, failing that, the resignation of the attorney-general.

Three hours before Mr. Sinclair's speech in Waterloo, the attorney-general's department caused the arrest of a Toronto broker on a charge of conspiracy to defraud. Colonel Price would not at that time say whether further arrests were contemplated, but announced his department would conduct a thorough investigation, at the same time declaring there was no necessity for a royal commission.

Of considerable importance in the expected legislative program of Premier Ferguson is his policy of continued development for Northern Ontario. The extension of the government - owned Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway northerly to Moose Factory, on James Bay, is planned. Development of the lignite fields in the north is also receiving attention. Legislation pertaining to rural schools and hydro may also be found in the government's program. There is speculation in regard to possible changes in provincial taxation.

So far as the Liquor Control Act is concerned, no major change is anticipated. The mandate of the voters in the last election is considered definite. Within the month preceding the opening of the session the premier informed a labor deputation he was not in favor of the suggestion that legislation permitting sale of beer by the glass be introduced.

**Parties in Legislature**

The government's numerical strength in the new legislature is a firmidable one. Against the 91 Conservatives there are the opposition groups of 15 Liberals, four Progressives, and one Labor and one United Farmer. Included in the 91 Conservatives is one Independent Conservative, while three Liberal-Progressives are included in the Liberal ranks. H. C. Nixon, M.L.A. for Brant, will lead the Progressive group in place of J. G. Lethbridge, who lost his seat for Middlesex West in the general election.

In the October elections the Conservatives increased their membership from 75 to 91. The Liberals dropped from 20 to 12, the Progressives from 11 to 4, and the United Farmers from 3 to 1. There were three vacancies at the time of dissolution of the last house. Forty-two new faces will make their appearance in the 1930 session. Thirty-three of them are Conservatives, eight Liberals and one Labor. Fifty-eight of the old members of the Conservative ranks return, seven Liberals, four Progressives and one U. F. O.

Former members will find that their chamber itself has been changed since the last session. Reconstruction has been going on with an outstanding feature the rearrangement in seating accommodation. Instead of the rectangular layout, the new seats sweep out in ares of a great circle from a point near the speaker's chair. The arrangement, with other changes, is expected to improve the acoustic propetries of the house.

T. A. Kidd, member for Kingston, will be speaker in the new legislature.

# Moose Officers Were Installed

**Gillis Royer and Joe Slaggard Officiated at Ceremonies Last Night**

Installation of officers of the local Moose Lodge took place last night after the regular meeting with members and friends in attendance. Past Dictator Gillis Royer was installing officer and Post Dictator Joe Slaggard acted as supreme sergeant-at-arms.

The list of officers for 1930 is as follows:

Junior past dictator—B. M. Simpson.
Dictator—D. C. Schubert.
Vice dictator—W. B. McCallum.
Prelate—Joe Ratchford.
Sergeant-at-arms—Oscar Sather.
Assistant sergeant-at-arms — R. Long.
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Inner guard—Walter Howarth.
Secretary—Percy Cameron.
Treasurer—Ted Rorvik.
Orator—Dr. R. E. Eyolfson.
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