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### BOMBING CIVILIANS

Public opinion is being gradually aroused against the action of any country in bombing civilians, killing women and children as well as old men in an effort to subdue a country through frightfulness. We have little sympathy with the objection taken to war because it destroys property but we must all feel the greatest sympathy with the non-combatant population of any country that is ruthlessly slaughtered by savages. We hope public opinion will be so felt throughout the world that such exhibitions of savagery will have to stop, no matter what country is guilty of doing it.

### ODIOUS COMPARISONS

Every day we read of people making comparisons between the roads in British Columbia and those on the American side of the boundary. All these are made to show how bad are the roads on this side and how good on the other. The idea is to try to shame British Columbia into improving the roads.

We all realize the situation. To the south we have a rich country, well populated and able to operate economically because of its density of population. In Canada we have a much newer country with a much more scattered population and a huge amount of new territory to be opened up. All this costs money.

Evidently the present administration is fully alive to the situation and is making good progress in getting the highways into condition. One difficulty seems to be that there is not always perfect co-ordination between the different districts and people driving through the country find themselves suddenly shifting from very good roads to some that are not as good, as they pass from one district to another. This difficulty will soon be overcome. This year there has been greater improvement in the roads than in any single year hitherto and by the end of next season there should be little cause for complaint.

### ENFORCE CURFEW

When there is so much talk about juvenile delinquency and boys are blamed for various offences, it is suggested that there might be a stricter enforcement of the curfew regulations. The curfew bell rings at 8:30 winter nights and 10 p.m. in summer but it is said there is no real effort made to enforce the curfew regulations which provide that children shall not be out unaccompanied on the streets after those hours. A stricter enforcement of the curfew rules might help somewhat.

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## ONTARIO ELECTION ORGANIZED

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### Two Highlights

**School Tax Bill Repealed, Hydro Contracts Cancelled, Closure and Censure Applied in House**

TORONTO, Sept. 24: (CP)—Ontario's twentieth legislature will be elected October 6, but Ontario will long remember the spectacular nineteenth with its bitterness and drama. With youthful Premier Mitchell Hepburn at the helm of a Liberal government, the legislature was lively, particularly in its third and final session.

There were two legislative highlights—cancellation by the government of contracts for power between the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission and four Quebec power companies; and a bill, later repealed, dividing corporation taxes between public schools and Roman Catholic separate schools.

Much of the heat generated in Ontario politics developed over these measures. The 1935 legislation cancelling power contracts stands, though parts of it were declared invalid by Ontario courts and new agreements were made with three of the four companies. The school tax bill, passed in early 1936 after bitter debate, died a year later. When the Conservatives introduced a bill to repeal the legislation, Mr. Hepburn accepted it, refused to permit debate on the issue and thus lifted the curtain to greater dramatics than ever. "The dirtiest trick in Ontario history," Leopold Macaulay, South York Conservator, called the premier's shutting off of debate. Disregarding the Speaker's efforts to put the closure motion, he went on shouting.

Veteran observers said the ensuing uproar was the noisiest in the House's history. Members shouted at each other across the floor. And it only ended when Mr. Macaulay, still defying the Speaker's ruling, was ejected bodily by the sergeant-at-arms—a precedent.

Behind the tax bill lay decades of controversy in Ontario over the school question. By the Settlement Bill of 1863 Roman Catholics could pay their taxes to the separate school system. They also could notify corporations in which they held shares of their desire to have their share of taxes go to separate schools.

The 1936 amending bill made such allocation of taxes mandatory on corporations and introduced a new principle—division of certain corporation taxes between public and separate schools on a school population basis. This applied to corporations wholly owned outside Canada and to corporations of which shareholders' religious preferences was not easily ascertainable.

In accepting the repeal motion a year later, Mr. Hepburn admitted the bill had failed to do what was intended. Justice had not been achieved. The school issue had "opened up religious and racial sores which will not heal in the lifetime of this country."

### Unusual Scenes in House

Two other explosive episodes marked the nineteenth legislature's last session. First was the formal expulsion from the Liberal party of Dr. A. D. Roberts, Sault Ste. Marie's representative, by Premier Hepburn. The second was the premier's move to adjourn the House because of the conduct of a cabinet minister, Hon. Peter Heenan, fiery Irishman from Kenora.

Premier Hepburn accused Dr. Roberts of attempting to "blackmail" the Algoma Steel Corporation in an effort to get a medical contract from the company. Dr. Roberts denied the charge and an inquiry was ordered. The doctor was moved by the premier to the Opposition side of the House.

The inquiry was not carried out. Dr. Roberts apologized to the premier after the session closed for accusing him of being "dictatorial," an accusation made when Dr. Roberts said the premier had permitted Sir James Dunn, Algoma Steel president, instead of Dr. Roberts, to announce a government bounty on beneficiated iron ore. Dr. Roberts is not a candidate for reelection. Kenora's roads caused the flare-

A meeting was held in the T. H. Rooms last evening for the purpose of forming a local Boy Scout Troop. The meeting was addressed by Robert Yerburgh who explained the aims of the Scout Movement and the duties of a Scout Committee, following which the meeting was organized into a Scout Committee and the following officers elected:

Chairman, Dr. Neal Carter.  
Secretary-Treasurer, J. H. Nordan.

Executive—P. C. Miller, C. V. Evitt, P. H. Linzey and Sergeant J. H. McClinton.

After the election of officers the following appointments were made:

Scoutmaster, Robert Yerburgh.  
Assistant Scoutmaster, Ernest Meadows.

It was decided that the new troop should be maintained on a purely community basis affiliated with no other organization. The initial meeting of the new troop will be held next Tuesday evening. All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 inclusive who are interested in the Scout movement may attend or get in touch with either the scoutmaster or his assistant. The aim of the Boy Scouts Association is to develop good citizenship among boys by forming their character—training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance—teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves and promoting their physical, mental and spiritual development. It is felt that there is a real need for a live Scout Troop in this community.

### GLIDERS TAKE TOLL

THIRSK, Eng., Sept. 24: (CP)—Britain's glider death roll since 1931 was raised to nine when Eric Maule of Felixstowe, competing in an annual gliding festival, crashed to the ground. He was killed instantly.

up involving Mr. Heenan. The premier had announced the House would sit all night to pass the estimates. Mr. Heenan, minister of lands and forests, and Kenora's representative, arrived just before midnight—just in time to hear George S. Henry, Conservative House leader, say money had been squandered in Kenora constituency.

Mr. Heenan resented Mr. Henry's charges and disregarded the Speaker's rulings to keep his seat. He started across the floor of the House toward Mr. Henry. Restrained, the minister kept up his interruptions. Finally the exasperated premier adjourned the House "because of my colleague's conduct."

The next day Mr. Heenan apologized to the Speaker and he and Mr. Henry smiled at each other.

Legislative highlights of the session included the formation of a Labor and Industry Board to administer hour and wage codes in Ontario industries. The board now is functioning and codes have been set up under the Industrial Standards Act. Along with the bill setting up the board was a measure to empower it to fix minimum wages for men in industry.

The budget, with its \$9,000,000 estimated surplus for the present fiscal year and many tax reductions, came near the end of the session. Municipalities were given a subsidy of one mill on their rateable assessment, a new departure in Canadian public financing.



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