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# Legislature Condemns Action of Government

## Hepburn Threatened To Resign If Motion Was Defeated—Carried By 44 to 10

Toronto, Jan. 18.—(CP)—Premier Hepburn to-day placed before the Ontario legislature a motion condemning the Canadian government's prosecution of the war and announced he would resign if the motion was defeated.

The Premier presented the motion after three Liberal members differed with him on criticism of the Dominion government's war plans.

The legislature prepared immediately for a vote on the motion.

The motion was an endorsement of statements made in the legislature Tuesday by Premier Hepburn and Conservative Leader Col. George Drew, regretting the fact that the government at Ottawa was putting "so little effort into the war plans."

The Hepburn motion carried 44-10.

The resolution was the climax to an attack by Mr. Hepburn on Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Mr. Hepburn declared:

"I stand firm on the statement that he (Prime Minister Mackenzie King) has not done his duty by his country and he never will."

The small Conservative opposition voted solidly with the government. Arthur Roebuck, Liberal member for Toronto Bellwoods and former minister of labour, was one of the 10 opposing the motion.

Text of the resolution was:

That this house has heard with interest the reports made by the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition of the result of their visit to Ottawa, to discuss war measures with the national government and this house hereby endorses the statements made by the two members in question and joins with them in regretting that the federal government at Ottawa has made so little effort to prosecute Canada's duty in the war in the vigorous manner the people of Canada desire to see.

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