

Has Beer Got His Eye On Ontario Cabinet Job?

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OTTAWA—Peel MP Bruce Beer will decide within the next few days whether he will desert federal politics for a try at a seat in the Ontario Legislature.

In an interview he told the Ottawa bureau of The Weekly that he will advise both the North and South Peel pro-

vincial Liberal executives as to his decision.

Speculation is that if he does run and is elected and the Liberals win the next Ontario election, Mr. Beer would be offered a cabinet post by Robert Nixon.

"I have received unofficial invitations to run in both Peel

provincial ridings from people prominent in the Liberal associations and members of the executives," Mr. Beer said. "I have felt an interest in provincial politics for a long time and have been giving serious consideration to moving into that field for the past six months."

The 56-year-old former agricultural representative declares that it's very much time for a change in Ontario and he would be glad to do his full share in trying to defeat the present Conservative government and bring about a Liberal victory.

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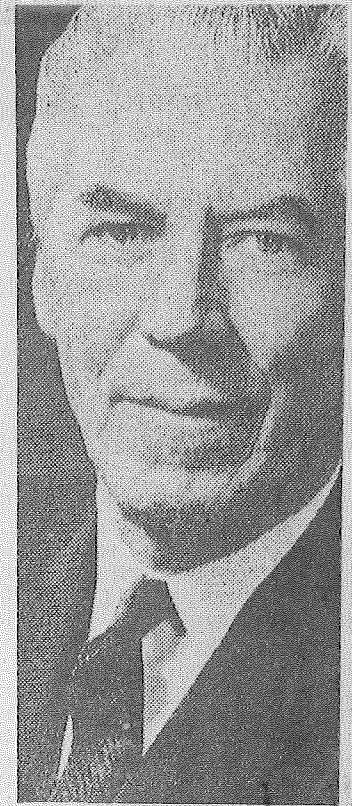
He has a high regard for Mr. Nixon and believes that under him the Liberal party can win the coming election.

"There will not be any great show of strength by the New Democrats, as many people think. They may take a few urban seats from the Conservatives, but I feel the time is ripe for a Liberal win," Mr. Beer predicts.

He has promised a firm decision soon so that the executive of the North Peel Liberal Association will have plenty of time to make their plans in advance of the annual meeting to be held at Bolton on March 31. If the executive feels that an election will be called soon or if Premier Robarts has already called one by that date, the meeting will be combined with a nominating convention. Otherwise, the nomination of a candidate may be left until later in the year.

"NOT FRIGHTENED"

Mr. Beer's own home is in North Peel and if he decides to run provincially there he will in all probability face edu-



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cation minister William Davis. This prospect does not frighten him at all.

"All things being equal, I am not afraid of running against Mr. Davis, even though I know the Tories will do everything they can to hold the riding for him. But we can be better organized and we can win," Mr. Beer declares.

The federal member says his potential provincial candidacy is not brought about by any rancor at the way he has been treated in Ottawa. While he had been hopeful of being named agricultural minister at the time J. J. Greene was named to that post, he says he has been well treated in Ottawa. He points out that he has been parliamentary secretary to four cabinet min-

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