

Cheese Inspection.

Hon. Mr. Dryden moved the second reading of his bill providing for the official inspection of cheese bought, sold or exchanged, and for the incorporation of cheese and butter exchanges.

Mr. McKay hoped it was not the intention of the mover of the bill to press it at the present session. It would be hardly fair to do so without giving due notice to those engaged in the trade.

Mr. Graham spoke in favor of the bill, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Dryden, Brown, McKay, Pattullo, Stratton, Monteith, Gallagher, Graham, McLaughlin, Allan and Pettypiece.

Second Readings.

The following Government bills were read a second time:—

Respecting succession duties—Mr. Harcourt.

To amend the separate schools act—Mr. Ross.

Respecting executions and Sheriffs—Mr. Garrow.

To amend the statute law—The Attorney-General.

To amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen—The Attorney-General.

To amend the act respecting cheese and butter manufacturing associations and companies—Mr. Dryden.

Agricultural Development.

The House went into committee of supply.

On the item of \$204,217 for the purposes of agriculture, Hon. Mr. Dryden made an interesting statement concerning the policy of his department. A large part of the vote, he said, was given annually to agricultural societies. These societies had accomplished a great deal of work, but their usefulness was not generally recognized. The Eastern and Western Dairy Associations had through their efforts caused a high standard to be reached in the quality of butter manufactured. The Sheep, Swine and Cattle Breeders' Associations had been doing successful work. The grant to the swine breeders would be increased by \$300, in order to promote educational effort in the direction of producing better bacon. There was a trade worth millions of dollars to be got in England if we could only produce the right kind of bacon. The Experimental Union was one of the most useful organizations of the Province, and its sphere of usefulness was increasing. The interest in Farmers' Institute work was increasing, and last season a total of 130,000 farmers attended the meetings. It had been intended to drop the practical instruction in fruit-spraying, but it would be continued for another season, at the urgent request of certain sections of the Province. The Eastern Dairy School had been successful in its operations, but the Western Dairy School had not given such good results. The Superintendent had not been so great a success as was expected. He was a good butter-maker and instructor, but lacked personal magnetism. He had now resigned his position.

Mr. Matheson—Was he asked for his resignation?

Mr. Dryden—It does not matter whether he was asked or not; he has resigned his position. Continuing, Mr. Dryden said it was hoped the attendance at the coming session would be much larger. Mr. Dryden also spoke of the success of the pioneer farm in Algoma, and of the work carried on at the college.

Mr. Matheson urged the abolition of the Western Dairy School, while Mr. Wardell attacked the expenditure for fruit-spraying.

The agriculture estimates were passed and the committee rose and reported progress.

At 12.15 the House adjourned.

Oppose Carscallen's Bill

Messrs. H. N. Kitson, E. E. Charlton, W. A. Robinson, John Knox and Alex. Turner, representing the Hamilton Board of Trade, waited upon the Government to-day and strongly protested against Mr. Carscallen's proposed bill to tax joint stock companies or individual merchants on their visible property making no allowance whatever for indebtedness. Hon. Mr. Hardy stated that personally his opinion was strongly against the principle of the bill. The whole question, however, was to be fought out in the Municipal Committee on Tuesday next, and it would be well for the deputation to present their views there. This the deputation promised to do.

Approve of It

Messrs. A. E. Kemp, Robt. Jaffray, John D. Allan, Hugh Blair, Elias Rogers and E. A. Wills, representing the Toronto Board of Trade, waited upon the Government to-day to express approval of the Ontario, Hudson Bay & Western Railway Company which intends to run from Mississauga to James Bay. They stated that if the Government decided upon any measure of support to the company it would have the approval of the board.

Canadian Institute

Messrs. Byron E. Walker, Jas. Bain, R. F. Stupart, W. Scott and Prof. Macallum asked the Government to-day to increase the grant to the Canadian Institute from \$1,250 to \$1,500 per annum.

Small Brewers Protest

A deputation representing the small brewers of the Province waited upon the Government to-day to protest against the increase of the minimum tax from \$250 to \$400 on investments of \$10,000. Among those on the deputation, which was introduced by Mr. J. Brown, M.P.P., were J. Watson, Listowel; Geo. Reuten, Salem; Felix Devlin, Stratford; J. Grainger, Walkerton; Jos. Raw, New Hamburg; John Schwartz, Formosa; H. Colbert, Seaford. J. J. McPherson of Stratford, legal adviser of the deputation, presented their views to the Cabinet. The small brewers, he said, were severely handicapped by the present tax of \$250 in addition to the Dominion Government license of \$50, and to further increase their burdens would be to drive them out of the business. They thought