

JOINT ACTION IN SERIOUS SITUATION

Legislative

Province to Act in Stamping
Out Rabies.

HON. MR. HANNA'S VIEW.

Confirms Globe Despatch as to
Co-operative Action.

Both Governments to Grapple With
the Prevalent Dread Epidemic —
Minister Deprecates Article Mak-
ing Light of Situation—Forty-one
Persons Treating for Contagion —
Liberal Leader Asks Concerning
Model Schools.

The intention of the Provincial Government to vigorously co-operate with the Federal authorities in taking action to stamp out the serious epidemic of rabies which has spread throughout western Ontario was announced by Hon. W. J. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary, in the Legislature yesterday in response to a question from Mr. E. E. Fraser (Welland). Incidentally, the Minister took occasion to endorse the announcement of the position of the two Governments in relation to the task confronting them as published in The Globe of yesterday, and to deprecate an article making light of the situation in another morning paper.

Globe Correct.

Mr. Fraser called attention to the article in The Globe announcing the position of the Federal department, and asked concerning the intentions of the Province in relation to it. The situation, he explained, was very serious in some localities.

"The attention of the Government has already been directed to this matter," said Hon. Mr. Hanna, in replying. "The facts are as stated in The Globe. The Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, through the Veterinary Director-General, has been in conference with the Provincial Health Department here for the past week, and joint action has been decided upon. The course of the Federal department is that outlined in The Globe. Our co-operative course has been determined by a similar Provincial order in Council.

"While it is not the desire of either department to cause unnecessary alarm," continued the Minister, "the situation is serious, and demands the immediate and best attention of the authorities everywhere. The health authorities of the municipal Councils cannot do better than devote themselves to assisting in the enforcement of the order in Council of this Government."

Mr. Allan Studholme (East Hamilton) was surprised to hear the Minister taking such a course. "There is an editorial in to-day's Mail," continued the Labor man, "which says there is nothing in it, and that there is no necessity for any action in the matter. It shows that there are two sides to this thing. I would like to know whether The Globe or The Mail is right, and whether the Government has properly gone into the matter."

Situation Serious.

"All the data is before us," asserted Hon. Mr. Hanna, "and we have gone over it all very thoroughly. The situation is serious. Already forty-one persons have been exposed to contagion, either by being bitten or otherwise. Fortunately for themselves, they were able to take immediate precautions and treatment, and the majority were now in New York undergoing treatment. A number of animals exposed to contagion, however, have died, and others are dying daily. There is no possible question as to the nature of the trouble."

Mr. Studholme reiterated that it was alleged that the cattle had died from other causes.

"It has all been gone into fully by both departments, and we are taking no chances," was the Minister's summing up.

Slim Attendance.

It was a light Monday attendance. There were seven ministers and nine Government supporters. The Opposition comprised the MacKay clan, the leader, and the member for North Oxford; while the Labor party can always be counted present. The proceedings were purely prefatory. Hon. Mr. Cochrane introduced another Government Consolidation Bill, the act respecting woodmen's liens for wages, which was given a first reading. Hon. Mr. Hanna brought down the return asked for by Mr. Wm. Proudfoot (Centre Huron) of the number of fishing licenses issued last year by the Province and the holders thereof, while Hon. A. G. MacKay secured the adoption by the House of his resolution calling for details of the school book contract between the Province and the T. Eaton Company.

This afternoon the budget debate will be resumed by Mr. J. McEwing (West Wellington), who speaks for the Opposition.

Seeks Information.

Hon. Mr. MacKay has given notice that he will move on Thursday for an order of the House for a return showing:—1. The number of male teachers granted County Model School Certificates, in the years 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909 respectively. 2. The number of female teachers granted County Model School Certificates in the years 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909 respectively. 3. The number of male teachers granted Normal School Certificates in the years 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909 respectively. 4. The number of female teachers granted Normal School Certificates in the years 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909 respectively.

Trouble Promised at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Feb. 7.—Opinion is divided here as to the wisdom of the

order in Council which provides for the muzzling or chaining of thousands of dogs in western Ontario. The civic authorities seem to approve of it, but Hamilton dog owners will raise a storm of protest.

"It is better than having children bitten," said Mayor McLaren.

Hamilton had a by-law last year prohibiting dogs running at large. Dog owners succeeded in getting it amended so that the dogs would have their liberty during the winter months

A Number of Dogs Shot.

The police have shot a number of dogs believed to have been mad during the past few months, and Ancaster, Dundas, and Stony Creek have all experienced mad dog scares recently. A number of people have been bitten, and some of them sent to the Pasteur Institute in New York for treatment. Two dog heads were sent from here for analysis some weeks ago, and the verdict was rabies.

Some of the Hamilton dog owners will seek the co-operation of kennel associations throughout the Province in protesting against the law.

License Inspector Brick says he thinks metallic muzzles are cruel. He favors leather ones.

One Case Was Reported.

Woodstock, Feb. 7.—This district is entirely free from rabies at present. The last case reported was a month ago at Folden's Corners, 10 miles southwest of here.

IS AFTER INFORMATION.

MR. ALLAN STUDHOLME WANTS AN IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Announces Intention of Dividing the
House on Government's Proposal
to Give the Salvation Army an Ad-
ditional Grant to Promote Immi-
gration.

Allan Studholme, the Hamilton Labor man, is after further Legislative information. He intends to seek it from the Government by a series of questions concerning its immigration and colonization. He has also announced his intention to "go after" the powers that be on this matter during the course of his address in the budget debate.

The Labor man intends to divide the House on the Government proposal to give the Salvation Army an additional \$10,000 grant, as indicated by the supplementary estimates.

"How many laborers from the old country have been brought out and placed on the farms of Ontario?" queried Mr. Studholme. "This is information I have been trying in vain to secure for the past two years. I'm going to try again. As a matter of fact the Government doesn't seem to know where it is at on the immigration matter. Two years ago Sir James Whitney and Hon. Nelson Monteith went to England at a cost of \$1,700 and decided to close up the London offices, saying that the place to get farm laborers was upon the farms of England. Now it is proposed to spend \$17,000 on enlarging and equipping the London offices, besides paying a retiring allowance to its Liverpool man. What does it all mean? That's what I want to know."

"As a matter of fact," concluded Mr. Studholme, "the Salvation Army imports a lot of artisans and places them upon farms near the towns. As they know nothing about practical farming, they get fired in about two weeks, and drift into the near-by towns, where they either compete unfairly with our own Canadian workmen and artisans, or become unfortunate charges upon the public charity."

"I know these things are facts from our own city of Hamilton, and I propose to find out, if I can, how general they are, and what the Government is doing to cope with them. I am asking for a return to the House showing what the aided immigration associations have done, where their men have been placed, and what, eventually, became of them. With this information before me I hope to be in a position to make some practical proposals to aid the farmer in securing good, experienced labor, and to protect the artisans in the cities and towns from injurious Government-aided competition and charity taxation."