

time in the future was required at the Ontario Agricultural College, then a new Commissioner of Agriculture would be appointed, or Prof. Creelman would be retained in that position and a new professor would be appointed at the College. There is no overlapping or unnecessary machinery in the department. They were merely trying to build up the strongest Department of Agriculture on the American continent. He had no apology to make for the appointments which had been made.

The new Commissioner of Agriculture in Ontario would be to the Minister of Agriculture what the late Dr. C. C. James was to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa. The Government was trying to encourage co-operation among the farmers, and also hoped to prevent middlemen from getting excessive profits. They would devote some attention to the social side of rural life, and planned, by means of picture shows, to provide entertainment, and education for the farmers.

Coalition in Agriculture.

Mr. F. Wellington Hay (North Perth), in the course of a first-rate speech, which was closely listened to, said if there was not the right man available on the Government side it would not be amiss to step to the Opposition side of the House and see what could be done.

"There are members here who are capable of filling the position," remarked the member from North Perth, pointing to the Liberal benches "It would only be following what had been done in the Dominion House when the selection of the Finance Minister was made by the Prime Minister of Canada." (Laughter.) The farmer was a business man, who, to his mind, was quite capable of taking care of himself. If they would only give the farmer a fair deal without handicap he believed he would be as capable of taking care of himself as any other business man. He thought the farmers believed the civil service was overloaded in various directions. They also felt it was hardly fair to say from time to time as was said in the city that the farmers were getting richer and richer.

Few Rich Farmers.

A glance at the newspapers would show that rarely were the farmers' estates probated at more than \$12,000 to \$15,000. He hoped if the Prime Minister decided to accept the position he would be accessible to any farmer who desired to come in and have a fair, open discussion with him, and if he could not talk intelligently with them about the matter on which information was desired, that he would delegate the point to somebody who would be able to give the information sought.

Government Responsible.

Mr. Allan Studholme (East Hamilton) intimated that he would rather be excluded, as it was a straight party question. If it was desired he should vote, he would vote with the Government, who claimed that what was proposed was the best thing at the present time. The Opposition said they did not believe it. The responsibility was with the Government, and let them and the farmers fight it out themselves, said the Hamilton Labor man.

A John Dryden Needed.

Mr. Hartley Dewart (Southwest Toronto) feared there would be a number of misfits in the Department of Agriculture as a result of the proposed arrangement. He thought that the Minister of Agriculture should be a man of the calibre of John Dryden and Charles Drury.

Mr. Gillespie (West Peterboro') urged the establishment of demonstration farms and advocated a more advanced policy relating to agriculture in general. He strongly supported the motion of Mr. Parliament.

John Grieve (West Middlesex) called attention to a report that stock farmers were being charged fancy prices for hay and other feeds at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto. Nearly all the commodities, he was informed, were double in price what they were a year ago, and the farmers thought they were being overcharged by the stockyards company. He thought the Government should look into the matter.

Everything Being Done to Protect Teachers

With reference to the resolution on teachers' superannuation appearing on the order paper in the name of Hon. Dr. Pyne, Messrs. Rowell, Marshall and Carter sought information on some points, and the Premier eventually suggested that the matters could be more intelligently discussed when they had the bill before them.

Mr. Rowell, citing the case of a teacher who had twenty-nine years of service, or had served for any period between over six and thirty years, and who dropped out for any cause other than physical unfitness, asked if there was any provision for repayment except an actuarial valuation showed there was a sufficient surplus to provide the money.

Premier Hearst said the bill had the very best consideration of the actuaries employed by the Government, of the legal advisers of the Government, and the officers of the Education Department. An effort would be made to make the bill as perfect as possible, and revisions may yet have to be made to improve it. Everything would be done to protect the teachers.

Mr. Sam Carter (South Wellington) maintained that the Government should stand at the back of the teachers who had served longer than six years and see that they got their money on retirement.

Premier Hearst—The Government does not propose to allow the scheme to fall.

Mr. Rowell expressed the desire that when the superannuation bill came up the House would have all the available data before it.

Town Planning.

Hon. W. D. McPherson introduced a planning bill which applies to cities, towns, and villages. The Minister said the act would take the place of the present city and suburbs plans act and would extend the provisions of the law which have been confined to cities of 50,000. The main features of the old act are preserved, but there will be provision for the appointment of town planning Commissions.

Must Build Car Lines or Lose Their Franchise

The city gained a second success before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday in its bill regarding the Toronto Suburban Railway Company. The clause was carried whereby the company will be compelled to build on certain streets to be specified by the city within six months or lose its franchise.

Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, for the company, said it was an attempt to force the company to lose their entire franchise south of Dundas street.

City Solicitor Johnston said that asking the company to build rails on these streets was no more absurd than giving the franchise on these streets. Since the franchise had been granted for these streets no work had been done.