

Swayze (Niagara Falls) thought if the United States could seize coal in export to Canada, that Canada could seize potatoes in export to the United States.

Mr. Dewart saw a big question arising out of "small potatoes." The question was: Would the Government use its influence in regulating the price of foodstuffs? The people of the Province expected the Government to do its utmost. Sam Clarke followed, with some practical talk about the farmers. He said the main trouble was that 20 per cent. were producing, and 100 per cent. consuming.

#### Cannot Obtain Men.

Mr. MacBride interrupted to say that Ontario was producing more than ever before.

Mr. Drury—Quantity or value?

Mr. MacBride—Value.

The House saw the difference. Mr. Clarke said he had offered \$75 a month for men for a farm and he couldn't get them. If the city people thought the farmers were getting wealthy, why did not they go out and try it? Such talk wearied him. The best propaganda work the Minister of Agriculture could do would be to get people from the cities to the farms. "This trouble is not with the Government. It is with the people, and we are going to have a hungry people if they don't look out," he said.

Mr. Halcrow asked how long the \$75 a month was good for, and was told eight months, with \$35 or \$40 a month for the other four. Hon. Mr. Raney said he had inquiries made about the carloads standing in Toronto railway yards. He had no jurisdiction to interfere in the interprovincial trade, and most of these cars came from the East. Clearly the jurisdiction was at Ottawa.

#### A Dangerous Discussion.

"This discussion has been dangerous," said Premier Drury. "It is not safe to interfere with the laws of supply and demand. When the depletion of rural population comes so near the danger point as at present, it would be a terrible thing to take the wrong route. To limit the purchasing and to limit the selling of farm products would be dangerous.

"We do not want to have Ontario's seed-bed populated by an inferior people—the Chinese or others," he asserted. "Ontario farms must be for the Anglo-Saxon." He thought the system of distribution top-heavy, and advocated a closer co-operation of the consumer and the producer. "Do not accentuate conditions by limiting the markets," he advised. "There would be a lot more potatoes planted in Ontario if we stopped talking non-essentials, and got to business," said the Premier, as he gazed at the Farmer members, who applauded vigorously.

#### VOTED FOR RESOLUTION.

Through a misunderstanding, J. W. Johnston (South Lanark) was listed among those members absent when the vote took place on the McCreary resolution and amendments. Mr. Johnston was present and voted against both amendments and for the resolution. The Farmer member absent to complete the 12 absent members was G. D. Sewell (North Norfolk), who was paired with W. H. Ireland, Conservative member for West Hastings.

### Premier Has Opened Correspondence With Ottawa Concerning Them

That correspondence with the Dominion Government is being carried on regarding the Hydro-radials was stated by Premier Drury yesterday in the Legislature in reply to criticism contained in an evening newspaper despatch from Ottawa. He said that he thought this correspondence would be beneficial, as he found the Dominion Government quite willing to discuss matters.

The article in question, the Premier said, was "absolutely wide of the mark." Hon. Manning Doherty said that there never had been a time when the Hydro had such loyal support as it had in the present Government. It was not only loyal, but it was unanimous.

Col. Cooper (Northwest Toronto) remarked that "when The Telegram knocks it is a very good sign," as people generally felt the opposite

about it. Hon. W. E. Raney said he had long given up making denials of articles from its columns.

M. M. MacBride (Brantford) asked when the House would get an opportunity to discuss Hydro affairs.

Premier Drury said there would be some Hydro legislation brought in, and ample opportunity would be given then to discuss its affairs.

## OPPOSE DAYLIGHT BAKING MEASURE

Members of the Legislature yesterday showed a decided inclination to kill on its second reading the bill to compel master bakers to operate their industry in the day time, rather than at night. Three Cabinet Ministers, Hon. Messrs. Drury, Nixon and Rollo, appealed for at least the consideration of the Municipal Committee, to which members on the Opposition benches, apparently solidly opposed, consented.

George Halcrow, Labor member for Hamilton, introduced the bill, which declared that there should be no baking operations carried on between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sergt.-Major MacNamara, Riverdale, and Charles McCrae, Sudbury, followed in opposing the principle of the bill, pointing out that the baking industry was one which necessitated night operations. When a chorus of "lost" emanated from the Opposition benches Hon. Mr. Nixon interjected an appeal that it should be sent on to the Municipal Committee.

Hon. George S. Henry declared that "this drastic legislation" should be killed right where it was before the whole House. Mr. Dewart added that he concurred in the sentiments expressed by the member for East York. And when Hon. Walter Rollo pointed out that every bill passed in the House was drastic from the viewpoint of members opposite, Robert Brackin, West Kent, tersely commented, "Rot." Lt.-Col. Price desired to know if the Minister of Labor would apply the same principle to the farms. While Premier Drury said the Government was in no way prepared to approve the principle, he thought that, in fairness to all, it should be sent on to the Municipal Committee, to which consent was finally given.

### Minister of Agriculture Says It Will Save Waste of Fruit

Mr. J. W. Curry's amending bill, to the effect that early closing by-laws are not to apply to the sale of fresh fruits, passed the committee stage in the House yesterday, though with considerable discussion.

Mr. Curry said that the word "fresh" was put in before the word "fruit," so as to prevent the sale of canned goods under the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Wilson Crockett, South Wentworth, said the bill was giving privileges to foreigners dealing exclusively in fruit. Mr. Pinard was opposed to the bill. Premier Drury, speaking, he said, as a private member, was in favor. "Let a man who wants to work long hours work them," was his view.

Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, said that by allowing stores to stay open in the evening fruit would be saved from going to waste. W. H. Price, Parkdale, opposed the bill, and suggested special legislation for fruit shops. They might be clearer in some cases, he thought.

Messrs. Stringer, Haldimand; Mageau, Sturgeon Falls; Hon. H. C. Nixon, Hall; Parry Sound; J. W. McLeod, Stormont, and Col. D. Carmichael favored the measure. Hon. Thomas Crawford opposed, and W. E. N. Sinclair, South Ontario, suggested limiting it to a certain period during the summer.

#### PROVINCE TO PAY SHARE.

Hon. Geo. Henry introduced a bill in the Legislature which enables county and suburban road Commissions to plant trees on highways, to be charged to the maintenance account, so that the Province will pay its share.