

PROVINCE WILL FIGHT DISEASE AMONG CATTLE

Government Cleans Up Own Herds as Preface to Campaign

MAY TRANSFER COLLEGE

Minister Says Veterinary Students Should be Mov- ed to Guelph

Prison farms and tubercular cattle were both the subject of discussion in the Legislature last night, when the House was in committee of Supply for the whole sitting.

The Government is cleaning up its own herds of cattle, and will probably carry on an energetic campaign for cleaning up other herds. Incidentally, it developed that probably the veterinary college will be moved to Guelph, and operated in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College. Hon. Manning Doherty explained that the high cost of building materials would prevent building at Guelph this year. He thought a building there could be erected at a cost of \$150,000, while the building at present housing the college in Toronto was worth \$200,000, but it could be of greater value to the Government if used as an office building. The chief advantage of having the veterinary college at Guelph would be to give O.A.C. men a knowledge of veterinary science, and give the college advantages to veterinarians.

In the meantime, he asked \$10,000 in the estimates for this year to get plans ready.

Slaughtered Diseased Stock.

The discussion on diseased cattle came up in connection with an item asking for \$5,000 to buy cattle for the Monteith farm. Hon. Mr. Doherty explained that 35 out of the 26 head of cattle there had been found to be tubercular. They had been slaughtered, and the suspicion of tubercular trouble verified. He now asked \$5,000 to replace the herd. The Government, he said, was cleaning up every herd.

Ontario was not worse than other Provinces or States, but the department would do everything it could to clean up the herds of the Province.

Hon. Mr. Biggs said that in one big Canadian city a big hospital was using milk from untested herds, and the milk was not treated. Pressed for the name of the city, Hon. Mr. Biggs said that it was Hamilton, and the institution was the General Hospital there.

Take Opposite Views.

The use of the prison farm at Guelph after it has served its present purpose as a hospital for returned soldiers came in for much discussion. Mr. Dewart thought it should revert to its original use. He argued in favor of the Guelph farm that being nearer to home gave the men a better chance, in that they did not get out of touch with their people and friends.

Hon. Mr. Biggs took the opposite view that these men away from their friends were better off. Hon. Manning Doherty said that he had hoped to use the buildings for the O. A. C., but this had been found impossible. Mr. Dewart was anxious to know what would happen the various industries at the farm, including quarries, lime kilns and abattoir.

Z. Mageau (Sturgeon Falls) again pressed his demands for an agricultural course in Nipissing and Sturgeon Falls. He also wanted a demonstration farm. Hon. Mr. Doherty said he was going north on an in-

spection tour shortly, and would investigate personally.

M. M. MacBride (Brantford) had a tiff with the Chairman, A. Hicks. Mr. MacBride declared that the Government Whip (Mr. Hicks) had come to him and said that if he did not desist from making his numerous inquiries the Workmen's Compensation amendments would not go through.

Prohibit Joy-riding.

Autos used by members of the Government and by departments were discussed at some length when an item of \$16,000 for supplies and the maintenance of Government cars was taken up. Hon. Mr. Biggs explained that there was strict control on the cars, and there was no "joy-riding." Mr. MacBride wanted to know how A. Hicks, the Government Whip, came to have a car at his disposal. Mr. Hicks was Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and no reply was given the Brantford member.

Mr. Dewart supported the claims of Port Arthur and Saulte Ste. Marie for court houses. Court accommodation in those towns, he said, was deplorable. Premier Drury said that, if business righted itself, they would proceed this year. They were in favor of these buildings, but the present high prices of materials made the time inopportune.

HARTLEY DEWART DEMANDS ACTION

Will Ask Government to Re- cover Money From Nickel Company

Mr. Hartley Dewart is not satisfied with the statement of Hon. Harry Mills that the Government is contemplating recovering from the International Nickel Company, formerly the Canadian Copper Company, taxes for the years prior to 1916, when the flat rate of taxation was in effect. He intends to make an issue of the matter on the floor of the House, and has given notice of a resolution calling upon the Government to institute proceedings to recover the amounts which it is contended should have been paid.

According to the report of the Royal Ontario Nickel Commission, which reported against the \$40,000 flat rate, the Mining Tax Act of 1917 was made retroactive to 1916. The Liberal Opposition contended then that the new taxation, over ten times the previous rate, should be made retroactive to 1911.