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LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO HALT MR. DOHERTY IN EMBARGO PROTEST

Fail to Impress Ontario
Government It Should
Not Try to Influence
British Decision on Cattle Trade

PREMIER FEARS FOR A MARKET

Says, Unless Embargo Removed and With Chances of High Tariff in U. S., Canada May Have No Place to Sell --- A Question of Good Manners?

Liberal and Conservative members of the Legislature, with the notable exception of Sam. Clarke of West Northumberland, joined forces yesterday in an ineffectual last-hour protest against the departure for Great Britain of the Minister of Agriculture, who left last night to resume his efforts for the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle.

The combined onslaught of the Opposition groups brought vigorous response from Premier Drury, who denied the allegation of Opposition members that his Government was interfering in British politics. The Premier argued for continued protest against the embargo.

"With the strong possibility of the

Serious For Farmers.

Fordney Bill going through in the United States," said the Premier, "and with an ad valorem duty of 35 per cent. against our cattle trade—that might please those who said 'No truck or trade with the Yankees', which slogan I did not believe in then, and do not believe now—it will be a tremendously serious thing, not only for the farmers of this country, but for the manufacturing and commercial interests as well, if we find ourselves shut

with no alternative market. It behooves us in this case to have an alternative market ready."

Mr. Sam Clarke poured verbal scorn on the manner in which

those on his side of the House saw

out from the American market and

fit to discuss Hon. Mr. Doherty's departure.

"They talk about loyalty!" he exclaimed, facing his seatmates and those on the Conservative benches, "I'm loyal, thank God, but I am not boiled-down clean loyalty without any common sense. (Applause.) Let the Minister go, and even if this Government has no status, it will be heard from."

Mr. Clarke expressed the opinion that Hon. Manning Doherty had "more go in him in 15 minutes than the Dominion Minister of Agriculture has in an hour," and that if he got any speeches he might make overseas into every paper in Eng-

The opening shot in the bombard-ment was fired by Mr. J. C. Tolmie, Liberal, who quoted a news cable of yesterday in support of his contention that the removal of the embargo had now become a political question in Britain, upon which, at present, the by-election of the Minister of Agriculture was being fought.

Calls it an Impropriety.

To let the Minister go would be

an impropriety," he stated. "It is unbecoming for this Government to send over one of its members to get mixed up in a political discussion in Britain, and I want to protest against that which is dangerous and which will not tend to better relations between Great Britain and Canada."

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative Leader, told the House that when Premier Drury and spoken to himself and the Liberal Leader regarding Hon. Mr. Doherty's proposed trip to England he had not been aware that a by-election was pending in the Old Country and that it was being fought largely upon the issue of the em-

"Perhaps there is a little politics behind all this," he opined. "It is a novel, perhaps an unprecedented, procedure. Had I been aware of an impending election when the Prime Minister spoke to me my attitude would have been somewhat different."

The Conservative Leader repeated his view that the matter was purely one for Federal action, in so far as Canada was concerned, and that Hon. Mr. Doherty, however "unofficial" his visit might be, was bound to be accepted in Great Britain as the Minister of Agriculture of Ontario and a member of that Government.

Sees Serious Reaction.

That the embargo problem had an international aspect was emphasized by Hon. Thomas Crawford, who repeated the arguments presented by him on the floor of the House last

week.

barge.

"My remarks on that occasion," said Hon. Mr. Crawford, "have brought me letters of approval from a large number of farmers throughout Ontario. I want to repeat what I said before: Should this embargo be removed, it might bring retaliation from our friends to the south. and might stop the sending of our cattle into that country. I have no hesitation in saying that, should Great Britain remove the embargo. it is a question if the reaction might not be most serious for the producers of cattle in the Province of Ontario."

R. R. Hall, Liberal, Parry Sound, added his objections in the matter, but went aside from the subject to plead for freer trade relations in general with the Mother Country.

At the conclusion of a vigorous debate, lasting well over an hour, Premier Drury reiterated his belief that, as an unofficial ambassador. Hon. Mr. Doherty was putting the whole embargo problem fairly before the British public, and that the Minister might be expected to observe the amenities while on his mission.

LENNOX CHARGE AGAINST CURRY

Declares Favoritism Shown
Toronto Member in
Remission of Fines

SOME WARM EXCHANGES

Charges launched yesterday in the Degislature by T. H. Lennox, K. C., Conservative member for North York, that favoritism was being shown J. W. Curry, K.C., member for Southeast Toronto, in the matter of remission of the fines of his Police Court clients brought Attorney-General Raney to his feet with