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Asks if Backus Applies For More Water Powers

Inquiry is being made of the Drury Government by W. H. Ireland, Hastings West, concerning particulars of the appointment to the Magistracy of Albert Hellyer, who resigned his seat in the Legislature to make way for the Attorney-General. Mr. Ireland wants to know, among other things, what qualifications Mr. Hellyer has to be a Magistrate and what is his remuneration.

From W. D. Black, member for Addington, comes a query as to whether E. W. Backus, who procured the English River pulp limit from the Government, has made application for any more water powers in Ontario.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR APPLE MEN

Ontario Aroused by Aggres- siveness of Pacific Coast Growers

MAKE 25 PER CENT. GRANT

Provincial aid in the establishment of fruit grading and packing plants is proposed in legislation which will be introduced into the Legislature by Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, during the present session. According to the Minister, its primary object is to assist Ontario apple producers to compete on even terms in the world markets, particularly the British market. A Government grant of 25 per cent. of the cost of plant erection and equipment is proposed in the measure which is to be laid before the House. Because of better appearance and packing, British Columbia apples and those from the Western States have claimed a precedence in European markets, and Ontario growers are to be helped to put their product in equally presentable shape. Hon. Mr. Doherty points out that the quality of Ontario apples has been sufficiently proved in competitive exhibits; all that is required is a proper presentation of them to the high-class markets.

While it is the apple-growing industry that is expected to benefit primarily from the move, it is pointed out that the plants thus established will be available for packing all sorts of fruit. The grants, of course, will be limited to co-operative organizations, either to growers' associations or to local groups of growers organized to handle their own crop.