

name of Manning W. Doherty," he proceeded. "According to him, the act did not provide machinery for effective enforcement.

"In deference to the then protest the act was amended in 1917, making it optional with the patrons of factories and condensaries to accept payment on the basis of butter-fat content, and to pasteurize the by-product.

#### Different Tune Now.

"Last year the act was again amended to provide for the compulsory payment by Babcock test and compulsory pasteurization of whey, and again there is a storm of protest, with the one-time Manning W. Doherty in the driver's seat as Minister of Agriculture, turning a deaf ear to these very same protests, he claiming, however, that his act provides machinery for efficient enforcement."

After going on to state the impracticability of the enactments of the Dairy Standards Act, he asked if the act was needed. No other Province had a similar measure, and Ontario cheese stood highest in the world in average quality. "I say," he declared, "that the need does not exist for arbitrary action on the part of this or any other Government."

He went on to cite conditions in Eastern Ontario, contending that the producers were not in a financial position to meet the additional expenditures which the Department of Agriculture would force upon them.

He had information that many farmers had pledged the whole of their next season's milk proceeds to pay their taxes. How in the world were these farmers to keep their families in decency and meet their other obligations?

"I have information," he said, "that in many sections in the East the dairymen simply will not comply with these provisions of the D.S.A. I have been besieged with protests."

"Mr. Speaker," he went on, "I know that in Prince Edward county, the county that is so creditably and acceptably represented here by you as Speaker, the farmers are up in arms, and I know that this is one occasion upon which you would welcome an opportunity to take part in the discussion in this House.

#### Run on This One Issue.

"I have it from you, sir, that in many parts of Prince Edward county the dairymen propose deliberately to disobey the Government, and gossip says that you have even been asked to resign your seat and run against the Government on this issue."

H. K. Denyes, East Hastings, who seconded the resolution, said that dairymen in his part of the country opposed the bringing into force of the act. He mentioned the extra expense to which cheese factories would be put. Some, he said, would have to put in new boilers, and others remove vats or buy new ones.

Hon. Manning Doherty was warm in his defense of the act, and said he was not refusing to accede to the demands made for its delay in enforcement because of "stubbornness."

Hon. G. H. Ferguson asked him if it was so that he had said he would resign if the bill did not go into effect. "I can assure my honorable friend that there is nothing in the rumor that has reached his ears," replied the Minister.

Reviewing the history of the act, Mr. Doherty said the principle of it was the paying for products on the basis of quality. Every agricultural journal in the Province of any repute whatever was supporting the bill, and the big producers' associations of the Province—the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, and the Ontario Milk Producers' Association—favored the enforcement of the act.

The extra cost, he said, was exaggerated. Coming to the question of the pasteurization of whey, Mr. Doherty said that the loss which the cheese factories sustained last year through the production of bitter cheese would not only equip all the cheese factories in the Province with all necessary equipment but would build new cheese factories. Thousands of dollars that were lost in bitter cheese could have been largely eliminated by the pasteurization of whey.

#### Opposes Killing Herds.

J. C. Tollmie, Windsor, asked if the Minister favored an act requiring herds to be tested for tuberculosis and requiring the infected animals to be killed. Mr. Doherty said he would absolutely oppose it. He would not favor it because he did not think it was the proper and scientific way of going at it.

Mr. Doherty closed his speech with almost an impassioned declaration of the importance of Canada and Ontario retaining their places in the markets of the world with their farm products, and said this bill was a step in the right direction, to help the Province keep its place in the quality of its dairy products.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson said he was not opposed to the principle of the act but he thought the act should, for the time being, be suspended. In the Eastern part of the Province the cheese factories were small, and a small expenditure meant a considerable burden.

## URGES CUTTING OF HYDRO STAFF

### Z. Mageau Complains of Patronage in Legislature Debate

As neither the Prime Minister, the Attorney-General nor the Minister without portfolio, Hon. Dougall Carmichael, were in their places last night when it came to the turn of M. M. MacBride, South Brant, to speak on the Budget debate, and as what he had to say concerned the departments of these three Ministers, he moved the adjournment of the debate, and will go on when the debate is ready to be resumed.

Only one speaker, Z. Mageau, Sturgeon Falls, spoke on the Budget last night. He made pleas for help for the North country, and suggested that now much construction work was finished it would be a good thing to give a holiday to some employees of the Hydro.

Mr. Mageau said the so-called patronage had not yet entirely disappeared from the scene. He and the member for Nipissing, J. H. Marceau, he said, had made representations regarding the appointment of an O.T.A. officer at North Bay, but somebody from near Newmarket had obtained the position. Mr. Raney said the man was there only temporarily. Mr. Mageau then said the Sheriff at North Bay was a man from Cobalt. This was not giving the district of Nipissing fair treatment.

Mr. Mageau said \$10,000,000 had been put into development of pulp mills in and around Sturgeon Falls. No matter where pulp mills were put, there had to be sufficient quantity of raw material behind them to justify the expenditure.

"It takes a lot of timber to back up an industry of that kind," he said. The remarks of Mr. McCrea the day before in criticizing the Backus deal were not quite "up to the times," although Mr. Mageau said he was neither criticizing nor defending that deal.

He concluded by saying the Minister of Education would be well advised to give all assistance possible to schools in the North.

"Surely there must be room for curtailment on the Hydro staff," he said. "There are too many employees there for what they have to do today." He suggested a holiday for some of them.

Hon. Peter Smith explained that the Government had nothing to do with Hydro employees. They were paid by the municipalities.

"The Province is vitally interested in the Hydro," returned Mr. Mageau. The Province backed the Hydro. Even the sum of half a million or so paid by the Province to the Hydro for specific work performed should be cut down to only a few thousands.