

CHEESE PLANT BILL GETTING ITS 'BUMPS'

Ferguson Makes Flank Attack on Doherty's New Measure

OBJECTS TO APPRAISERS

Vigorous objection was taken by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative Leader, to the amendment introduced yesterday in committee by Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, to his bill to encourage the consolidation of cheese factories. Mr. Ferguson was upheld in his protests by J. Walter Curry, K.C., Liberal, Southeast Toronto, though the latter said that the Conservative Leader might be "more concise" in his arguments.

Appraisers to Advise.

The amended clause of the bill provides that the site, plan and equipment of every factory in respect of which a loan is advanced is to be subject to the approval of the Minister, but in such approval the Minister is to be guided by the recommendations of a Board of Appraisers, which is to approve the value of the lands, the buildings, equipment and goodwill on which a loan is to be made, and is to certify that all reasonable efforts were made for the satisfactory adjustment with the small factory to be displaced. The Board of Appraisers is to consist of the Chief Dairy Instructor, President of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association—or the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, as the case may be—and the President of the company applying for the loan.

Mr. Ferguson's objections were that the President of the company seeking a loan was on the Board of Appraisers; that the man whose business was being sold was deprived of the right to select an arbitrator. He argued for proper compensation for the man who was replaced, and maintained that the Province would not be properly protected if one of the appraisers was the President of the company asking for the loan.

Borrower Valuator?

Mr. Curry objected also that the proposed act was allowing a man applying for a loan to be a valuator on the value of the land on which he was applying for a loan. The Minister's argument was that the loan would be made on the cost of the plant, and the equipment for which vouchers would be produced, and that the President of the company applying was a man representing those people who were going to pay for the plant, and who, consequently, would not be inclined to spend money unnecessarily. Mr. Ferguson declared that "you'll be here for a long time" if Mr. Doherty persisted in putting through such an amendment, and at one stage appealed to the Attorney-General if his interpretation of the amendment was not correct.

No decision was arrived at when the committee rose.

FEARS GOVERNMENT WILL FILL BIG JOBS

Ferguson Tells Drury He Does Not Want to Have to "Make Changes"

KINDLY TOWARD RANEY

Before the orders were called in the Legislature yesterday Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Conservative Leader, arose to ask the Government as to its intentions in regard to filling several important new positions which either have been created by new legislation or are about to be. Among the offices are: Commissioner of Securities, Registrar of the United Registry Offices of Toronto and York, Hotels Commissioner, etc. Mr. Ferguson thought a Government about to appeal to the people should not undertake to fill such important offices, and his plain intimation was that the incoming Government, should he be the head, would make changes.

Attorney-General Raney replied in effect that the Government would use its own good judgment in the matter regardless of political exigencies, which the Conservative Leader had rather intimated might weigh. Further, he gave a denial to Opposition intimations that the present Attorney-General was billed for one or other of the posts, and when Mr. Ferguson facetiously promised that his Government would not disturb the ex-Attorney-General in office Mr. Raney thanked him for his consideration, but said he would not need it.

In a further statement Mr. Ferguson objected to the Premier's intimation to the visiting deputation of hotelmen last Saturday that they should "lobby" House members to ensure action along the lines of the Hotels Committee. It was an undignified suggestion on the part of the Premier, he declared, and, in addition, Hon. Mr. Drury should not have intimated possibilities of "obstruction" on the estimates by the Opposition.