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QUERIES ON CREAM

Why Weren't Producer and Consumer Protected? Asks Mewhinney

Referring to press reports that told of the visit of a deputation to the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and protests against the sale of cereal cream containing only 8 per cent. butter fat, A. P. Mewhinney (Liberal, North Bruce) asked Hon. John S. Martin in the Legislature yesterday why he hadn't taken immediate steps to protect the producer and the consumer.

Mr. Martin explained why he had decided that the matter should be considered by the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature. It was only within the last two weeks, said he, that he had been informed that there was a loophole in the legislation so that an 8 per cent. butter-fat product was being sold. The product, he noted, was not called cream, but went under another name.

When he received the information he decided that with the session to be under way within a fortnight, the place to deal with the matter was in committee.

TAX ON PRO HOCKEY TO YIELD LARGE SUM

Ontario Athletic Commission Should Be Made Self- Supporting

If revenue from its taxation of professional hockey lives up to expectations this winter — \$10,000 worth, in fact—the Ontario Athletic Commission will not only be made self-sustaining, but will be able to set aside sufficient money to pay back the \$6,000 in Government aid which it has used during the past two years.

The annual report for the Commission, which was tabled in the Legislature yesterday, shows an actual deficit for the year ending Oct. 31, 1926, of \$3,300.

The act has only been in operation since last spring. From then until the end of October the revenue acquired from various "pro" sports through the 2 per cent. levy on "gates" was as follows: Boxing, \$2,799; hockey, \$328.68; baseball, \$2,152, and football, \$663.

Seven hundred and thirty dollars was realized from boxing purses. Expenses of coaching, generally, amounted to \$8,372.

Legislature Honors Memory of Asquith

The Ontario Legislature yesterday paid its tribute to the memory of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith.

The British Empire, Premier Ferguson stated when the House opened, has suffered a great loss. On Tuesday Liberal Leader Sinclair had spoken of the great Britisher's grave condition. "Since then," continued Mr. Ferguson, "we have been informed that he has passed away. It is fitting in all British Legislatures that we should express our regret at the passing of a man who has played such a great part in the expansion and the development of this great Empire."