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## Cause of Anaemia in Humanity May Be Traced to Hens' Eggs

Hon. John S. Martin, in Legislature, Announces Development in Research Work That May Have Important Effect Upon Health of Both Fowl and Man

### DIET OF POULTRY TO BE STUDIED

Study of the common hen's egg may solve the mystery of why and how human beings suffer from anaemia.

This Hon. John S. Martin told the Legislature last night, showing that one particular phase of his department's work was of greater importance than at first might be imagined.

#### Effects of Diet.

The Minister referred to an important development in research work. Following the conferences between Professor W. R. Graham, head of the Poultry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, and the Empire

Marketing Board, an agreement for co-operative research in this Province was worked out. The agreement provides for a study of the quality of eggs to determine the effect of such quality on the next generation of fowls, and to ascertain the effect of the diet of the poultry on eggs as a human food; and also for a study of the hatching power of fertile eggs as to the vitamine and mineral contents.

"This work," he continued, "is a natural outgrowth of some experimental work which has already been carried on by the Poultry Department of the college, comparing the effect of such animal protein as milk, meat meal, beef scrap and tankage on the hatching power of fertile eggs. It has been found that at least 20 per cent. of the embryos die or fail to hatch, and it is important to find an explanation of these losses. In carrying on these experiments, it is proposed to produce in large numbers hatching eggs capable of producing normal chickens at any time of the year.

#### Good Results Anticipated.

"It is expected," said the Minister, "that this will have a bearing on the cost of production of poultry and its products, and therefore on marketing.

"And," he declared, "there is also a possibility that a detailed study of these embryos may lead the way toward more complete information as to the cause or causes of anaemia in human beings."

## Agriculture's Watchdogs Away, City Member Takes Their Place

The Progressive and U.F.O. members of the Legislature, the watchdogs of agriculture, were absent from their places last night when Hon. John S. Martin began his review of the agricultural affairs of the Province.

The Progressives were all having a little get-together banquet before the close of the session. And when Mr. Martin started his remarks, addressing himself toward the Progressive benches, he found himself talking to his Toronto Conservative colleague, George Shields, who had found his way into the chair vacated by Progressive Leader Lethbridge.

### Legislators at Work

#### Are Watched by Children

No curfew sounds in the Ontario Legislature. Almost every afternoon school children are perched up in the galleries, giving the proceedings the "once over." But, an unusual thing, there were a couple of dozen young folk in attendance at the session last night.

They came early and they stayed late, long past the curfew hour. It was 10.30 before the boys and girls, under the guidance of two adults, took their departure.

The group returned en bloc when the Minister was about half-way through his address. Whip Widdifield, heading the way into the Chamber, was greeted with much banging of Conservative and Liberal desks. Mr. Lethbridge arrived. Mr. Shields departed, wandered around among other empty benches and finally hied himself away out of the rural atmosphere, back to Woodbine.

The Progressives arrived in time to hear many interesting statements by Mr. Martin and to engage in a discussion of agricultural affairs. But U.F.O. members were not even in on this, being absent throughout the night session.

## MORE HELP SOUGHT FROM FEDERAL PURSE FOR ONTARIO ROADS

Hon. George S. Henry, in House Resolution, Sets Forth Argument

### WANTS ACTION NOW

A move to have the Federal Government provide further aid to the Provinces for the construction and improvement of highways has been launched in the Legislature by Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Public Works and Highways.

The Minister has given notice that he will bring before the House today the following resolution:

"That this House is of the opinion, in view of the fact that under authority of the Canada Highways Act (1919) the Parliament of Canada authorized the payment of \$20,000,000, by way of a subsidy, to the Governments of the Provinces on certain terms and conditions for the purpose of constructing and improving highways, of which the Province of Ontario received \$5,877,275, which was earned and expended prior to the year 1925, and it is necessary for the Province of Ontario to continue capital expenditures for highways to provide essential transportation facilities within the Province; and further, that the development of Provincial highways for motor vehicle transportation can no longer be considered a 'local work or undertaking' within the meaning of the British North America Act, but is national in its character because of the great volume of interprovincial traffic, the strategic importance of highways and construction machinery related thereto in the national defense scheme, and the use made of highways by the postal service, and the important part highways play in supplementing railway transportation; and considering that the treasury of the Dominion Government has benefited to the extent of over \$175,000,000 since the year 1910, in import, excise, taxes on automobiles, parts and tires (not including sales tax), and receives annually in excess of \$12,000,000 from these sources at the present time, leaving the Provinces to carry the whole burden of motor vehicle traffic, which has been created without the commensurate benefits to the Provincial treasuries, which condition was not contemplated when the financial provisions were made at Confederation; and that the Parliament of Canada should at the present session enact legislation which will provide for further aid to the Governments of the Provinces for the construction and improvement of highways."