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Mr. Acres was critical of Government policy from another angle. It was not right, he contended, that the highways should be covered with big busses, carrying passengers and goods from one large centre to another, and indirectly putting the smaller towns out of business. He did not think the Province could afford to build roads, and allow heavy bus traffic over it, in competition with the railways, which had built up the country.

Scores Wheat Pool.

The Carleton member had a lot to say about "what's wrong with agriculture!" He claimed that the wheat pool system, if run for another five years at its present rate, would ruin Western Canada. He said that the Ontario Government should pass a resolution condemning Ottawa for its "pussyfooting" on the protection issue at the expense of Ontario farmers. And why should immigration be gone after, he asked, when the home markets were what needed development?

No greater research work was needed here, he told the House, than that of determining how to keep young men and young girls on the farm. Down at the Ontario Agricultural College the other day he had noticed the splendid young students there enrolled. He wondered if they would go back to the farm if proper lighting and modern conveniences were not available to them.

In his opening remarks Dr. McQuibban made a plea for the extension of the Mothers' Allowances Act to take in the widow with one child. He estimated that such a move would cost the Province only \$300,000.

Typhoid Protection.

Then he went on to speak on the subject of protecting the public against the danger of typhoid, especially in the consumption of milk. "The pathway from the cow to the human consumer," said he, "is beset with danger." While in such cities as Toronto and Hamilton regulations safeguarded the public, not all municipalities had seen the need of such safeguards. The order of pasteurization was not Province-wide, and he urged the Department of Health to deal with this problem.

Queries Liver Costs.

He wanted to know if Dr. Godfrey as Minister of Health intended putting liver in the same category as other products of his department, and thus make it more available, at lower cost, to the sufferers from anaemia. "The Minister," said Dr. McQuibban, "has been silent on this and on his policy. I believe that the department will have to do something in this matter to alleviate the suffering in the Province."

Then on the liquor question he suggested that there should be some institution to deal with habitual drunkards. Now they are sent to jail, whereas, said he, there should be some place where they might be rehabilitated, given a fresh start without the stigma of crime hanging over them and over their families. And he also advocated that the Government should consider some institution for the reformation of dope addicts.

"Charity" Resented.

Mr. Oliver, the next speaker, opened up with a discussion of rural Hydro. He believed that farmers resented the statements that they got moneys for power development as a gift. They resented, said he, being placed in the "charity" column, for they were only receiving "a meagre portion of their rights as citizens."

On the subject of rural Hydro contracts, he suggested that there was some misunderstanding among the farmers, and that publicity as to the meaning of the contracts would help to clear up the situation.

"The future expansion of Hydro," he next stated, "will be out to the rural parts in the outlying sections. Therefore, I say we should have on the Hydro Commission a man who understands rural conditions."

He wanted to pay a compliment to Hon. John R. Cooke of North Hastings, Hydro Minister, as an agriculturist. "But," he went on, "we should have a member on that Commission, outside the Government member, who understands agricultural conditions."

Refers to Durham Editorial.

Mr. Oliver drew the attention of the House to an editorial in the Durham Chronicle, which referred to and agreed with an article in The Globe on rural Hydro. Mr. Oliver believed it expressed the opinion of many people of the Province.

Mr. Oliver criticized Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, for his

attitude of "Go slow!" on co-operative marketing. Co-operative marketing in Ontario, said the speaker, was no longer an experiment. While he believed the Government should not bonus it or finance it in any way, but that it should stand on its own feet, it nevertheless behooved the Government to go to far countries and to bring back data with which they could give the farmers of this Province, "some lead."

"If we don't get that lead," warned the young Progressive member, "we will have a hard job to hold our markets right here in Ontario."

"Big Noise Over Small Stuff."

In cynical vein, Mr. Oliver pointed out that the Ferguson Administration was helping the farmer: by cornering the corn-borer; by carrying on the work of the O. A. C.; by supplying Junior Farmers courses; and by maintaining the agricultural grants which Ottawa had dropped. Yet, said he, these matters were nothing but departmental matters. It would make no difference if the present Government went out of power tomorrow: the succeeding Government would have to carry on the very same practices."

Tariff No Remedy.

Mr. Oliver scoffed at the suggestion of Hon. James Lyons last week that tariff was the only panacea for the farmers' ills. Study of conditions in the States had convinced him—and he had eminent authorities to back him up—that the high-tariff States over there were ten times worse off with regard to farming conditions at the present time than were the farmers of this Province.

The best immigrants Ontario could get, said the speaker, were her own boys and girls, and the only way to keep them at farming was to improve farming conditions.

Tied to Liquor Makers.

Speaking, he declared, as a man who had not ranted or preached or become fanatical on the liquor question during the Government control election of December, 1926, Mr. Oliver claimed that after two years' trial the Government had become shackled to the liquor manufacturers, and that revenue from sale had certainly proved a bulwark of safety for the financial shape of the Province. It was plainly evident, he stated, that the Government dared not take steps to curtail the consumption of liquor, for the minute it attempted such a thing out would come the old skeleton "deficit" from the family closet. And rather than face a deficit the Government would say: "You go back in there—we'll keep on as we've been doing."

"At the present time," said Mr. Oliver, amid some of the most resounding Opposition applause of the session to date, "the Government finds itself in a lions' den. And as they're not Daniels,

I certainly can't imagine what the result is going to be."

In effect, stated Mr. Oliver, the Government says: "Keep up the drinking, people. Bring in all your friends. Crowd around the flowing bowl. We can't have a deficit, no matter what happens."

It was the speaker's contention that in his riding of South Grey the Liquor Control Act had failed to measure up to its heralding. Since it came into force there had, he contended, been more drinking, more drunkenness, and more small-scale bootlegging.

J. M. Robb (Conservative, Algoma) adjourned the debate.

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BOUQUETS FOR GLOBE ARE FREELY TOSSED IN ONTARIO HOUSE

Minister of Health Starts Serenade With Congratula- tions on 85th Birthday

"GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE"

Some discussion of newspapers and felicitations to The Globe on the occasion of its eighty-fifth birthday were among the interesting features at the sitting of the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon.

The criticism came first. Hon. Dr. Godfrey, Minister of Health, rose to challenge the truth and accuracy of an editorial in the Toronto Star Weekly dealing with the administration of the Health Department. The Minister was severely caustic in his characterization of the Star's methods and his comments upon its inaccuracy.

And, he added, his comment was not provoked by any partisan purpose. There was, he declared, "a paper that is fair, honest, and Liberal, and today it has a birthday—the good old Globe."

"Bulwark of Public Interest."

Russell Nesbitt, Conservative member for Toronto-Bracondale, speaking in the debate, also paid complimentary references to The Globe and its birthday. The Globe had always stood for British ties and connections, he said; was characteristically associated with public enterprises, and represented a great bulwark for public interests. In many respects it was independent, serving Canada as a great newspaper should—with unbounded zeal.

William Newman (Liberal, North Victoria) told the House, in the same tone, that The Globe had "lighted his way in life and had pointed out the way he should go."

"Of Great Service to Province."

Then, after the dinner adjournment, R. H. Kemp (Progressive, Lincoln), continuing the Budget debate, first told the House: "I think that it is the order of the day to congratulate The Globe on its birthday. And so I wish to congratulate. It has been of great service in this Province, and I hope it will continue for a great many years, not only as a paper, but along the same lines as it has in the past."

He noted that today Toronto celebrates its ninety-fifth birthday, and, extending felicitations to the city, he added: "No doubt this Province and this fair city owe a great deal to The Globe, whose birthday comes so near the one day."