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DEPUTATION URGES CABINET POSITIONS FOR ONTARIO WOMEN

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RETAIN WOMEN'S COURT

Better budgeting on the part of the Ontario Government as a means of financing such necessary schemes as old-age pensions was suggested to representatives of the Ferguson Cabinet yesterday by Miss Grace Hunter. Miss Hunter was one of the three spokesmen in the delegation, numbering well over 50, representing the Toronto Women's Liberal Association, who waited on the Government yesterday morning. In her pointed remarks on the need for pensions for Ontario's aged folk and for the continuance of the Woman's Court, she also made the suggestion that a woman, or two in the Cabinet might be an asset.

Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, who received the delegation in the absence of Premier Ferguson, was quick in his reply to her later suggestion. "We would suggest to the Prime Minister that we take you in; then we would see how you would balance the Budget. It would be interesting."

Plea for Aged People.

"I admit I would trim it well in some respects," replied Miss Hunter with a smile.

But her plea for the aged men and women of the Province forced to end their days in poverty and dire need was an earnest and convincing one. She touched on the possibility of the Government "loading a quarter of the cost of the pension on the municipality" and remarked that, in her opinion, that would be the surest way of defeating the bill. "We know that the people of Toronto are heartily ashamed of lodging their old people in the jail," she asserted.

"Why is Ontario lagging behind?" queried Miss Hunter of Mr. Henry and Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Minister of Health, who was also present.

The Acting Prime Minister, in replying to Miss Hunter, refuted her statement that Ontario was a laggard. He expressed his belief that the Government had given a great deal of serious study to the question, and also that "before the end of this year there will be operative in this Province an old-age pension system."

"I hoped that the Attorney-General would be here this morning," said Miss Hunter, "because I wished to address my remarks on the Women's Court to him, especially." She reminded Mr. Henry that the women of Toronto had worked for twenty years for the court, and that both Conservative and Liberal women were united in their desire that it should be maintained.

Will Retain Court.

"I think I can assure the ladies that the Women's Court will be maintained," said Mr. Henry, in reply.

Ontario's need for temperance education in the public, high and normal schools was pointed out impressively by Mrs. E. B. Tanner. On behalf of the association, she suggested that the Government, in addition "to the health book already in use in the public schools," authorize the use of Miss Isabel McCorkindale's book on temperance, and that some instruction be given to high school and normal school students.

For the second time, the Liberal women asked the Government to consider the needs of the victim of the drug habit. Mrs. Alex. MacGregor, in pleading their case, urged that some provision be made for such unfortunates, in separate wings of hospitals, or in their institutions, where treatment could be given.

"We ask this morning that you give your serious consideration to the needs of those who are victims — not criminals," said Mrs. MacGregor.

Mrs. W. G. Reading, First Vice-President of the Toronto Women's Liberal Association, introduced the speakers.

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LICENSE REQUIRED FOR FOWL-TRUCKING TO CHECK ROBBERS

Farm Committee Recommends
New Legislation—
Pleas for Relief

ROOST THIEVES ORGANIZE

With a view to curbing the wholesale chicken thieving now prevalent throughout Ontario, and more particularly in the western section of the Province, the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization of the Legislature yesterday recommended the introduction at this session by the Department of Agriculture of legislation which will require that all fowl-truckers be licensed, and, additionally, that they shall carry with them a book-check on all birds, showing where purchased and from whom, prices paid, and where consigned to.

Any Relief Welcomed.

Action of the committee came after a Middlesex deputation, headed by Warden McLeish, waited on the members and revealed the sad state of affairs with regard to chicken theft in which that county finds itself today. Any sort of relief from the present menace would be welcomed, said the Warden. High Constable Wharton told of organized gang thefts, and the employment by the thieves of professional pickers who picked as high as 250 stolen birds in a single night. He was inclined to favor some sort of bird-tagging system, as well as a record check-up at both the purchasing and sales end of poultry deals. Many times, he stated, he pretty well knew who stole birds, but lack of proper checking facilities made it impossible to secure convictions.

W. B. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, submitted to the committee a rough draft of legislation which the department has had in mind for some time. This the committee approved. Under its terms any police officer will be able to demand the check-books of shippers. Farmer poultry-producers and common carriers will be exempt.

Severer Penalties.

Colonel T. L. Kennedy, Chairman of the committee, told the deputation that he understood that the Dominion authorities at Ottawa would amend the Criminal Code this session so as to provide more severe penalties for chicken stealing.

HIGH BEACON TOWER IS STRONGLY UPHELD AS BECK MEMORIAL

Big Deputation Suggests Its
Erection on Baden
Hills

LIGHT VISIBLE 150 MILES

A 75-foot beacon tower to be erected in the heart of the Baden Hills, near his birthplace, was proposed by a large Western Ontario deputation, waiting on the Ontario Government yesterday, as the only appropriate memorial to the memory of Sir Adam Beck, and one in which the Province should at once interest itself financially.

All the first Hydro centres—Stratford, Kitchener, Seaforth and many smaller municipalities—were represented on the deputation received by Hon. George S. Henry, acting Prime Minister. "We represent the district from Sarnia and Goderich east to Waterloo County," Mayor Andrew of Stratford told Mr. Henry.

No Selfish Urge.

"We think that a memorial in the Baden Hills, near the birthplace of Sir Adam, should be constructed. It could have a beacon on the top, which would serve to direct aeroplanes. There is no particular municipality interested in this. There is no selfish urge. We merely want to see that his memory is commemorated."

Both Mr. Henry and Hon. Dr. J. D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, assured the deputation that their appeal would receive the Government's most sympathetic consideration, and that the matter would be placed before Premier Ferguson as soon as he returned to his duties.

The deputation, which was some 75 members strong, was introduced by Karl K. Homuth, Conservative member for South Waterloo.

Visible 35 Miles.

Baden Hills are 1,455 feet above the sea level, the highest point in Western Ontario, and are visible for a distance of 35 miles. They are located about 15 miles from Stratford and 11 miles from Kitchener.

Tentative proposal is that a stone tower be constructed on the highest point in the hills with a powerful beacon on the top. The light, it is stated, to be sufficiently strong to be visible for 150 miles.