

U. S. Contribution.

Mr. Calder took issue with Opposition charges that nothing but a trail of woe led from the people's expenditure of some \$49,000,000 in liquor last year. He felt that a very small percentage of this expenditure had created "remorse" or suffering. "Let us be thoughtful and let us be fair," said Mr. Calder. "And we must not forget, either—that visitors from the United States—that land of the free and home of the uplifter—contributed to this sum appreciably."

What the Ontario Government had made out of liquor last year was not a third of what the Dominion Government had realized from excise tax, and gallonage. "And yet," said he, "people will stand up in this House and say that the Liquor Control Act is commercializing the thirst of our citizens."

In his opening remarks, Mr. Anderson, the next speaker, pictured the fish and game resources of Peterborough County. He told the House of a wolf menace there, a topic on which he had spoken a year ago to the Government. He hoped that the Government would do something to deal with the wolves in the various sections of the Province rather than "as the member from Altona suggested, wait for Providence to send so many rabbits as food for the wolves that they wouldn't touch anything else."

"Settlers From City Members."

On the subject of the transfer of settlers to the North Country, Mr. Anderson recalled that people who had pioneered in Peterborough County some years ago were again required to pioneer in New Ontario. He suggested that the Government "take its next contingent of settlers from the city members."

He spoke for several minutes on butter-making, but when he said:

"That's enough on butter," Hon. Mr. Henry urged him to go on and "cover the whole field." Mr. Henry suggested that he talk on the sale price of butter. Mr. Anderson stated that he didn't understand what Mr. Henry was driving at. Mr. Henry, explaining, declared that there was a need of protection on butter prices.

"Who's making this speech?" E. Blake Miller (Liberal, East Elgin), interjected.

"I'm willing to let the Minister have the pound of butter Hon. R. B. Bennett had last year for Christmas," said Mr. Anderson. "But he can't get me into an argument whether we should have New Zealand butter here or not. I didn't start out to do that and he can't take me there."

Milk Danger Warning.

Mr. Anderson went on to tell the House that the Government should warn the public of the danger that lay in milk, particularly that from tubercular cows.

"It has never been proven by science that the milk of tubercular cows is dangerous to human life," said Col. J. A. Currie (Conservative, Toronto St. Patrick). He didn't think any member should "take a place in the House and scare everybody out of drinking milk."

"The great concensus of opinion is on the other side," said Mr. Anderson. He thought the Government should do something to "educate farmers" to the dangers involved in "handling cows."

On the old-age pensions proposal of the Government Mr. Anderson admitted that his attitude was that of a doubting Thomas. So Mr. Henry again gave the House the assurance of the Pre-

mier that the bill would soon be down.

Mr. Anderson touched but briefly on the liquor situation. He declared that the last general election in the United States had been won "squarely" on the 18th Amendment. And he declared that the Ontario Legislature was not the place for the promotion of propaganda against that amendment. This thought ended his speech.

L. W. Oke (U. F. O., East Lambton), moved the adjournment of the debate.

"Considerably Later."

Just before the House adjourned Hon. Mr. Henry forecast a busy day today, with a prolonged night session. He suggested that the members understand that the Budget debate winds up today, and that the House then go into Committee of Supply. He thought that the House should not follow the custom of adjourning after carrying the resolution of going into supply, but that

it should go on with the estimates and sit "considerably later" than usual.

Four hundred and eighty-three persons were released from Ontario's jails, prisons and reformatories during 1926, prior to the termination of their sentence on parole. Hon. Lincoln Goldie, Provincial Secretary, told the Legislature yesterday. He said that 112 had been released on permit during the same period, and that the number of persons released by executive clemency was not on file in the department.

A total revenue of \$19,776.63 has been received by the Government up to March of this year under the operation of the Public Commercial Vehicles Act, Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, stated, in reply to an Opposition question.

Sir William Hearst was paid \$505.45 by the Department of Lands and Forests for preparing and engrossing the agreement between the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba respecting the construction of a dam at the outlet of Lac Seul, including consultations with the Minister of Lands and Forests, and carrying on correspondence in respect of the matter, Hon. William Finlayson said, in reply to a question. He said that 60 per cent. of this amount was repaid to the Province by the Dominion Government. He also stated that Hearst & Hearst had been paid \$500 by his department for the drafting, revising and completion of water-power leases of Abitibi Canyon, on the Abitibi River, and preparing the form of water power lease in connection with the Hydro-Electric Commission on the Nipigon River.