

# THOUSAND BROKERS UNDER REGISTRATION, LEGISLATURE LEARNS

Colonel Price Gives Particulars Respecting Frauds Act

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Details of Government action under the Security Frauds Prevention Act, 1928, were given in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon when Attorney-General Price made reply to several questions from the Opposition.

The information was: The total number of brokers registered under the act was 1,047; non-brokers, 495; salesmen, 4,456. Thirty-two brokers were refused licenses; 91 had been cancelled; 12 non-brokers refused and 29 cancelled; 43 salesmen refused and 98 cancelled.

A total of \$1,555 was collected in fines under the provisions of Section 16 of the act. In most cases jail sentences have been imposed.

No brokers or salesmen have been suspended by the department under Section 11 of the act, as there is no need to proceed, because the Attorney-General may grant temporary registration of brokers and salesmen, and can then cancel registrations without going to court. Under other provisions of the act, since its proclamation in 1928, 15 salesmen have been prosecuted by the department.

### Banks Notified.

Every bank and trust company was notified by the Attorney-General's Department to hold funds and securities pending examination or trial of persons under provisions of the act. The first order made under this provision was on June 8, 1928.

One bond of \$500 has been forfeited by a brokerage house to the Crown for offenses under the act, the Attorney-General stated in reply to another question.

No registered brokers or salesmen had been suspended under Section 10, Subsection A, of the act. The section applied only to fully registered brokers and salesmen, but, as all doubtful applicants are kept on temporary registration, the Attorney-General suspends or cancels such registration under Section 8 (I) (c).

Under provisions of this act \$272 was collected as costs of investigation. The costs, the Attorney-General emphasized, were only collected when not a burden on shareholders and creditors.

### Liquor Store Employee.

Information on other subjects given to the House by the Government yesterday was:

At no time has Albert Gentles worked as a vendor or an officer of a Liquor Control Board store. The question specifically asked if he had worked in such a capacity in Parry Sound. Gentles applied for a position in Parry Sound, but withdrew his application before the store was opened in that city, Premier Ferguson stated.

Hon. Lincoln Goldie, Provincial Secretary, stated that 151 patients were released from Ontario Hospitals for the Insane and allowed to return to their home municipalities for maintenance during 1929. On the other hand, 1,853 new patients were admitted to the hospitals, 424 were released as cured, 741 died in hospitals, leaving a total enrollment of inmates at the end of 1929 of 9,705.

### Hospital Tenders.

Provincial Secretary Goldie also stated that 21 tenders were received for the additional buildings at the Ontario Hospital at Woodstock. The tender was awarded to a Brantford firm for \$318,980, the lowest tender. The buildings will provide extra accommodation for 510 patients.

The total revenue during the fiscal year under the operation of the Public Commercial Vehicles Act was \$36,784, Hon. George S. Henry told the House.

Seven townships received grants in 1928 in excess of 30 per cent. of work on township roads; 39 received such grants in 1929.

During the winter 1928-29 the Department of Highways spent \$151,624 in cleaning snow off the Provincial highways and keeping traffic open.

During 1927 the Provincial Treasurer's Department collected \$485 as penalty fees for non-payment of taxes under Section 7 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Hon. Dr. Monteith stated. In 1928 this amount increased to \$870.05, but in 1929 it dropped to \$21.

# O. A. C. SOIL SURVEY WILL BE EXTENDED TO WHOLE PROVINCE

Value of Investigation Shown Legislature as Professor Reports

## MR. SEGUIN IMPATIENT

Announcement was made to the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature yesterday, by Professor R. Harcourt, head of the Chemistry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, that the preliminary soil survey which had been made of Southwestern Ontario counties, would be extended as rapidly as possible to the rest of the Province.

"Our great difficulty," said Professor Harcourt, "is that trained men are needed for the work. And on top of that we find it hard to keep the men, once they are trained."

"Pay them more money," said C. A. Seguin, Conservative member for Russell. "They are the fellows who should be getting the big salaries, anyway."

Mr. Seguin, along with J. St. Denis, Conservative, Prescott, stressed the need of some immediate Government action with respect to agriculture conditions in the Eastern Counties.

"I'm just wondering," said Mr. Seguin, "how long it will be before a soil survey can be made in our section. I tell you that something's got to be done soon, or there won't be any farmers left on the land to vote at the next election."

Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, paid tribute to the work of Professor Harcourt in connection with the soil survey, stating that the tobacco industry, which had produced a \$2,000,000 crop in his County of Norfolk last year, was directly attributable to the survey, and the discovery therein that Norfolk soil was peculiarly adapted to tobacco growing.

# PREMIER REQUESTS TO HEAR THE FACTS ON 'CHEERIO CLUB'

Tells Progressive Leader He Will Then State Position

## DEPLORES 'INSINUATIONS'

The Cheerio Club, organized among Ontario children by Radio Station CKGW, owned and operated by Gooderham & Worts Limited, came before the attention of members of the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive member from Brant County, raised the question of the propriety of the organization. After some discussion, Premier Ferguson told the Progressive chieftain that he should get all the facts and bring them to the House before insinuating that something was being improperly done.

Mr. Nixon read a press clipping of a W.C.T.U. meeting at Willard Hall, containing references to the Cheerio Club. He wondered if Hon. Mr. Ferguson, as Premier and Minister of Education, would indicate if it was considered that there was some impropriety.

### Asks Purpose.

"What's the purpose of the club?" Mr. Ferguson asked. "To get a census of the children, or what?"

Mr. Nixon said he didn't just know. "It's pretty harmless, isn't it, from what my honorable friend read?" Mr. Ferguson said.

"Well," Mr. Nixon continued, "if a club is going to be organized among children, surely it could be under different auspices than a distillery."

"We know perfectly well that neither this Government nor any Government can control the organization of a children's club by any one," Premier Ferguson declared. "I do know that the Cheerio Station puts on excellent programs."

"Hear, hear," Conservative members shouted.

### Reputable Families.

"The Gooderham and Worts families," Mr. Ferguson continued, "stand high in this city and community. And if these people undertake to organize a club, it is surely for some good and public benefit."

He added that if all the facts were brought forward he would be glad to state the Government position.

The company operating the club, he added, might be an organization altogether different from the distillery.

"I suggest," he concluded, "that the honorable member inform himself fully of the facts before he casts a slur or insinuation that something is being improperly done. Let us get the facts."