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Government Wins Vote Test And U.F.O.-Progressive Attack Is Snowed Under by 95 to 6

Tory Victory in Legislature

In the Legislature, late yesterday, the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was carried by the Government by a vote of 82 to 19, all the Opposition groups voting against it.

The amendment to the Address by Farquhar R. Oliver (U.F.O., Grey South) was defeated by a vote of 95 to 6. The Liberal members voted

with Government ranks against the amendment, which was supported only by the U.F.O. member and the Progressives.

The amendment read: "This House regrets the failure of the Government to establish and maintain markets for farm products, so that by increased selling volume the farmer could meet his high overhead cost."

He deplored the slogan "Old Man Ontario" which had been tacked on to this Province, and said it was high time that steps were taken to correct the misnomer. "Personally," he added, "I think we here have been doing most of our advertising on the bottom of a pail."

Mr. Reid announced to the House, in ringing tones, that he had given a dinner to the "bright lights" of the Legislative Press Gallery on Monday night and that every one of the "bright lights" and eaten and enjoyed muskrat in mistake for wild duck. "I bring this to the House's attention," said he, "to prove my argument that if a lot of up-to-the-minute young men cannot tell the difference between muskrat and wild duck there is room for improvement in the publicity now being given our game and fish resources."

Down at the hotel each morning, said Mr. Reid, the members eat "Winnipeg Goldeye" for breakfast. They eat it, he added significantly, because they cannot get Ontario fish on the menu. United States tourists came over in droves every year looking for fishing, and the rights to take whitefish, the best fish in the Provincial waters, were denied them.

"Singing the Blues."

On the matter of agriculture, Mr. Reid chided the Progressive group under Hon. Harry C. Nixon—"the semi-Boys' Parliament," as he dubbed them—for continually "singing the blues" with regard to farming conditions. He mentioned that one Conservative member of the House had some time ago shipped 933 head of cattle to the Manchester market. They had cost him \$11 a head; and all he got out of them was \$6 per. "And yet," said Mr. Reid, with an explanatory nod in the direction of Philip J. Henry (East Kent), "that member is not singing any blues. He's keeping a stiff upper lip, and smiling."

Publicity was needed, Mr. Reid argued, for agriculture as well as game and fish. At noon, he said, he had gone into the Parliamentary cafeteria for lunch, to find that the apples he bought there were imports from British Columbia, and not Ontario products at all. "If we can't sell our own unbeatable Northern Spy in this Province there is something wrong," he stated.

Mr. Reid praised the efforts of Mr. Kennedy to give farmers of the Province adequate seed-cleaning facilities. With a nod at the Opposition side of the House, he added, amid uproarious laughter, "It will take out of your grain all the wild oats you haven't already sown."

HUMOR-GUISED BARBS AMUSE AND INSTRUCT AS MEMBERS CHUCKLE

**J. Fred Reid of Windsor
Likens Ministers Without
Portfolio to Tables
Without Plates — Calls
Premier "Uncle George"
— Why Manitoba In-
stead of Ontario Fish?
He Asks**

AND AS FOR APPLES, COAST SUPPLIES THEM

J. Frederick Reid, Conservative M.P.P. for West Windsor, tied the Ontario Legislature in forty kinds of knots yesterday afternoon, and had his listeners so helpless that at times it looked as if the Provincial Police, headed by Major-General Victor Williams, might have to be called in.

"Big Chief Fred," as he says he is known to the Moose River Indian tribes, stole all the debate applause of the long afternoon. He tramped—none too gingerly, either—on the toes of Opposition and Government heads alike. He traded punches with the boys from "the back concessions," and came off no second best. And he didn't hesitate, either, to stick a formidable-looking knife—not once, but several times—into the present Government's failure to earn for Ontario, through up-to-date publicity—not the sort that is written on the bottom of a pail," as he put it—the measure of recognition the Province, in his belief, is entitled to along this particular line.

Still Some More.

Mr. Reid's shin-stepping, his punches and his stiletto work were, of course, tempered by a steady flow of that special brand of wit and likability for which he long has been noted. Nobody took offense; in fact, under the stimulus of his remarks, most members, on both sides of the Chamber, either laughed themselves into a state of near-

exhaustion or curled up like a lot of contented tabbies, ready to eat out of his hand some more, and still some more. Virtually, this "bad mar from the border" was a good Samaritan in disguise, for he gave the House and the well-filled galleries one of the brightest afternoons since the present session opened.

"Tables Without Plates."

Mr. Reid complimented Messrs. Scholfield and Poisson on their recent elevation to the Cabinet, and then remarked that Ministers without portfolios were like tables without plates. He complimented the Government for at last securing a Minister of Agriculture (Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy) who looked like a farmer. He referred to the new Minister of Public Welfare (Hon. Rev. William G. Martin) as a splendid example of "methylated Presbyterianism." He lauded at length the leadership qualities of the Opposition head (William E. N. Sinclair), and said he was the sort of leader a man could go home and tell his children about. Of the Hepburn Provincial leadership he remarked caustically: "No party can be run by radio, and the Liberal Party can't be either."

In affectionate tones Mr. Reid dubbed the present Government head as "Uncle George Henry." Uncle George, he added, need have no fear who would be confirmed as Prime Minister of the Province when the Tory convention rolled around.

Harking back to the days of 1896—the days when Mr. Henry had graduated from university along with Arthur Stringer, "and a couple of other good poets," Mr. Reid recalled that they represented a period in Ontario's history when eggs could be bought at three dozen for a quarter; when liver was given away at butcher shops, and "when men didn't know the taste of lipstick."

"Way Up in Canada."

In more serious vein, the West Windsor member referred to the night-after-night inclination of American broadcasters to speak of "way up in Canada," when, as a matter of fact, Petrolia or some other live, close-at-hand town was indicated.

"It's all right for Canada to get publicity," said he, "but what we want and what we're going to get is more publicity for Ontario."

No Repudiation

(Canadian Press Cable.)

BIRMINGHAM, England, March 10.—"I say definitely there will be no repudiation of debt principal or interest by Australia," declared Sir Granville Ryrie, High Commissioner for Australia to Great Britain, in a speech here. "I stake my existence upon it," he added. "The people who stormed Gallipoli and captured Villers-Bretonneux are not going to default for a few paltry millions."