

Meals and Liquor Would Be Taxed Under Tweed Plan

**Liberal Financial Critic
Says Added Revenue
Could Be Given Mu-
nicipalities for Relief or
Charitable Work**

SEES NO "SPLIT" OF RUM PROFITS

Imposition by the Ontario Government of a 5 per cent. charity tax on all meals costing \$1 or over, and of a 10 per cent. similar tax on the retail sale of all spirituous liquors, excepting beer and native wines, was urged in the Legislature yesterday by S. C. Tweed, M.P.P. for North Waterloo, and financial critic for the Liberal group.

"These two taxes," argued Mr. Tweed during the course of his continuation of the Budget debate, "would bring in a revenue of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, and could be distributed to all the urban and rural municipalities in proportion to population, upon the agreement that the funds would be used only for relief or charitable work.

"Quite Painless."

"In my opinion, these two taxes, if imposed, would be quite painless, and I am sure that the Government will seriously consider these suggestions."

Leading up to his presentation of this proposition, the North Waterloo member, in part, said:

"During the past few years many municipalities have passed resolutions asking for a share of the profits from the sale of liquor in the Province of Ontario, and also the right to levy a business tax on the Government liquor stores. I must say that I sympathize with these municipalities in their demands, but, in my opinion, they have no chance whatever of receiving any share of the profits from the sale of liquor; in view of the state of the Provincial finances.

"Arrests are made daily for infraction of the Liquor Control Act. Men and women are convicted and sent to jail for various terms. In many of these cases the municipality has to shoulder the burden of keeping the prisoner's family. This is a real problem in many districts. During periods of depression, men out of work will commit crimes who, in normal times are law-abiding citizens.

More Relief Next Winter.

"During the past two winters municipalities have had a heavy burden for relief work and, in my opinion, next winter will find Ontario municipalities obliged to spend more money on relief than in the past. I propose that the Government take steps now to assist the municipalities to provide for the people who may be out of employment and require relief next winter."

ONTARIO GROWERS PLAN TO CAPTURE CELERY MARKET

**Department of Agriculture
Aims to Compete
With U.S.**

REPORT IS MADE

Capture for Ontario of the celery market in this Province, which for years the United States has been supplying, is the aim behind negotiations which the Department of Agriculture, through Howard Fraleigh, M.P.P., West Lambton, is now conducting with growers of the Thedford district.

Communications have been addressed to W. P. Paisley, President of the Thedford Celery Growers' Association, and, to Howard Carrothers, Secretary of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, and the suggestion has been made that a cold-storage plant for celery should be established at Thedford, where there are twenty-six to thirty growers ready to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture if it will undertake this work. Celery requires a special system of refrigeration and cooling which is not available at the present time, and which would raise the standard of the product so that it would be able to compete on the open market.

It is said that 105 cars can be guaranteed at the moment, while it is pointed out that 300 cars were shipped from the district last year. It also is observed that, while Winnipeg used 74 cars of celery last year, not one of them came from Ontario, and that is one of the markets that the department has its eye on. Also, the Toronto market last year used 364 cars of celery, of which Ontario supplied only 85, the rest coming from the United States.

The position of the department is that the growers should co-operate with the Dominion and Provincial Government in helping to finance proper cooling and storage plants, so that they may more easily compete with the American product.

Report has been made to the Government, and further investigation is proceeding.

**Legislation Is Forecast
Which Will Have Medi-
cal Officers of Health
Superseded by District
Officials Paid by
Queen's Park**

PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE OPTIONAL

Two brand-new systems of public health administration, by way of substitution for the present township and municipality arrangement of Boards of Health, are provided for in Hon. Dr. John M. Robb's bill to amend the Health Act, notice of which he gave to the Ontario Legislature last night.

This legislation, which was forecast this session, as far back as the Speech from the Throne, is entirely permissive.

Under one system, the department is authorized to divide the Province into districts, and to appoint to the direction of each an officer fully responsible to and paid by the central health authorities at Queen's Park. This system, if generally adopted, will be effected likely by extending the present health district scheme and making the districts small enough for the personal supervision of the district officer of health, assisted by such staff as departmental regulations allow him.

On County Basis.

The other permissive type of administration would place health on a county basis. Under this arrangement a single county, adjoining counties or a group of municipalities may go together and form a health unit to be directed by a full-time Officer of Health.

In either case the present township or municipality health administration will pass out of the picture.

Expenses in connection with the district arrangement would, it is understood, be borne by the central Government, but in the County arrangement would be met jointly by the Province and the local Counties or municipalities with such assistance as might be had from time to time from the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

At the present time there are reported to be between 800 and 900 medical officers of health in Ontario. Adoption of the district arrangement of the two substitutes provided for in the legislation would, it is understood, cut this number of administrative officials down to thirty-five or forty. In such event, the present medical officers of health would be re-engaged in various capacities as aides to the district officers of health in those areas in which they are located, and would be paid by the municipalities, but would be freed entirely, in future, of administrative responsibilities.

Given Approval.

Dr. Robb's legislation has, it is understood, been considered by Cabinet Council on several occasions since it was forecast at the start of the session, and is now understood to have had final approval. It is possible that before introduction to the House, it may, because of the sweeping change in health administration it involves, be submitted to a caucus of the Conservative membership of the House.