

Nixon Raps Stables Planned for C.N.E.; Too Costly, He Says

Million-Dollar Scheme Not Practical Now, He Tells House — Sees Farmers Discriminated Against for 'Multi-Millionaire Stock Raisers'

"TOO RIDICULOUS," SAYS COL. DEACON

Claiming that the Ontario farmer already had been practically eliminated from the show-ring at the Canadian National Exhibition, Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive Leader, speaking in the Budget debate in the Legislature yesterday, condemned the proposed new million-dollar stable at the Exhibition as something that should not have been undertaken in the face of the present financial condition of the Province, and as only another move to aid the multi-millionaire showman who carries on stock-breeding as a fad.

Mr. Nixon's Charges.

Mr. Nixon's remarks in this connection were, in part, as follows: "I am ready to accept the recent challenge of the Premier, and say what I think of the building of the \$1,000,000 stable at the Exhibition. The Treasurer very properly complains that Opposition critics talk in round figures and sum totals, but don't give concrete instances. So I most emphatically condemn the Government in this instance. I hope they are not taking credit for an agricultural expenditure. The farmer exhibitor felt that very adequate quarters were already available. But the wealthy multi-millionaire who carries on stock-breeding operations as a fad has, in some lines especially, practically eliminated the farmer from the show-ring at the Canadian National Exhibition. So we have the building of the million-dollar stable, to which millionaire stock-raisers will be paid to bring their fancy stuff, and will not be used for more than three weeks in any one year. So I repeat that, in view of the alarming condition of the debt of the Province, city and Federal Governments, this expenditure, which will produce no revenue to the Provincial funds, should not have been undertaken."

Ridiculous, Says Deacon.

Mr. Nixon's allegations were branded as "too ridiculous" by Colonel F. H. Deacon, Chairman of the Cattle Committee of the C.N.E., and R. H. Jenkinson, Manager of the Agricultural Section.

Colonel Deacon, when interviewed by The Globe, was quite emphatic on the point that at least 82 to 85 per cent. of the exhibitors are men who make their living on farms. He wondered if Mr. Nixon thought that the money which city people were sinking in order to carry the best possible cattle, was against the interests of the Province. Colonel Deacon thought that the service which was being rendered in that connection was "priceless."

He drew attention to the fact that on account of the reputation Scotland had for good cattle, that Argentina believed it was the only place to buy cattle, while he also cited prices

which were secured. Colonel Deacon declared that Canada could get the reputation which Scotland has for good beef cattle, and he emphasized the value of the Exhibition in building such a reputation.

Show for Breeders.

R. H. Jenkinson stated to The Globe: "It is a fact we are catering to the breeder. The show is for the breeders, and the entry fees are very low." Pointing out how the "ordinary farmer" benefited, Mr. Jenkinson stated that the prize money extended to tenth and twelfth place in many cases. He scorned the idea that the Ontario farmer was being eliminated and declared that they were always anxious to secure as many exhibitors as they could.

Questioned regarding Mr. Nixon's statement that the million-dollar stable should not have been undertaken in view of present financial conditions, Mr. Jenkinson declared that they had no proper housing for the animals, and they would have had to discontinue asking exhibitors to bring valuable live stock to the present quarters.

"You think the new stable is a sound business proposition?" inquired The Globe. "Certainly," replied Mr. Jenkinson.

Veterinary Science Aided by New Bill

Constitution of the Ontario Veterinary Association—a brand-new organization devoted to the furtherance of veterinary science in this Province—is provided for in the Veterinary Science Practice Act which Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, introduced to the Legislature yesterday.

Further provisions of the bill call for the annual issue of certificates to recognized graduates in veterinary science, and for the appointment of a Registrar to take care of the registration which the bill additionally requires.

Only people qualified and registered under the act will comprise the new association.

NEW REGULATIONS ON SCHOOL GRANTS SHARPLY CRITICIZED

Nixon Suspects Aim to Starve Rural Areas Into Submission

MINISTER IS NEEDED

Sharp criticism of the new regulations for making grants to public schools, coupled with a reiteration of his demand for a "full-time, competent" Minister at the head of the Education Department of the Province, featured the contribution of Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive

Leader, to the wind-up of the Budget debate in the Legislature yesterday.

"Why we have these new regulations I do not know," said Mr. Nixon. "I understand all rural inspectors are opposed to them. I certainly have not found any rural trustees in favor. They are tremendously complicated and difficult to apply and if I am correctly informed will not work out to the advantage of the rural sections."

Result Rather Alarming.

"So I strongly suspect that the department, having failed to force consolidation and township school boards, has evolved these regulations to starve rural Ontario into submission. I have had these new regulations applied to four school sections in my own township, with which I am familiar, and the result is rather alarming, ranging in a decrease of, from 33 per cent. to 50 per cent. in grant, and will require from one-half mill additional in the school rate to compensate for the loss. I will furnish the Minister of Education with these figures, and would be glad to learn wherein they are wrong, and I say the people of rural Ontario are beginning to suspect that their interests are not fairly considered in this department."

Mentioning that increases in the Education Department have increased until now they are well over the eleven and one-half million mark in ordinary expenditure "under the Government's new bookkeeping system of adjusted cross entries," Mr. Nixon stated:

Applies Henry's Argument.

"I hope, when the honorable members again assemble here next year, we will find a competent Minister giving his full time and attention to this important department. The Premier pointed out yesterday in moving the second reading of the bill to establish the Department of Public Welfare, that the work had been looked after under the Provincial Secretary, and other departments, but felt that this work, given a Minister so singularly fitted, would be much better looked after. How much more strongly this same argument applies to the Department of Education, which affects every family and every taxpayer in Ontario."

OPTOMETRY BILL LITTLE CHANGED, COUNSEL CHARGE

Amended Bill Before Legislature This Afternoon

MAIL-ORDER PRIVILEGES

After hearing argument of opposing counsel yesterday morning, the special committee of the Ontario Legislature passing on the optometry bill now before the House "went into a huddle" during the afternoon and produced around 5 o'clock an amended bill, which will be brought down in the House this afternoon.

Immediately on its appearance opposition counsel charged to the press that the whole principle of the measure remains unchanged; that, in spite of assurances from the committee that, with one or two exceptions, their present privileges in the mail-order sale of glasses were to remain untouched, their mode of doing business would under the amended bill be wiped out.

Certain committee members are alleged to have expressed the opinion also that the bill, as to be introduced today, did not follow their understanding of the decision agreed upon at the committee's conference.

A movement is now said to be on foot to have the bill hoisted until the 1932 session. In any event, it is likely to be extensively debated when it comes before the House proper.