

## APPROVAL GIVEN PROPOSED QUOTA ON BRITISH FILMS

Toronto M.P.P. Urges  
Larger Distribution of  
Ontario Pictures

ONLY 17 ENGLISH IN 1930

Stirring endorsement of the Government's proposed establishment of a quota on British films was heard in the Legislature yesterday from Thomas H. Bell, Conservative member for Toronto-Bellwoods, who not only decried the extensive advertising of American interests that the motion pictures were carrying into this Dominion and all other British possessions as well, but, in effective, comprehensive fashion, pointed out the advantages which Ontario and Canada would enjoy if the proposed quota were placed in operation.

### Real Bargaining Power.

"Get your quota law on," argued Mr. Bell, "and you have a real bargaining power for outside distribution."

Strong advocacy of a policy whereby Ontario's attractions, the Canadian National Exhibition, the great mines, the game and fishing resources, and a score of other tourist appeals could be filmed for consumption, world-wide, was heard from the Bellwoods representative. While commending the present operations of the Motion Picture Branch, he intimated that in his belief the scope of such operations could be extended considerably.

"Advertise ourselves," he urged. "Let the world know who we are."

### Value of Health Films.

Hon. Dr. Paul Poisson (Conservative, North Essex) also spoke with regard to the impending British quota, stressing at some length the value of the health-lesson films which were available, through the Provincial film libraries, for school showings throughout Ontario.

Second reading of the bill—an amendment to the Theatres and Cinematographs Act—which gives the Government authority by Order-in-Council to impose a quota, was moved yesterday by Provincial Treasurer Edward A. Dunlop, who expressed the hope that it would not be necessary to exercise the drastic power provided, but who intimated, nevertheless, that the Government was ready for any situation in case co-operation with the film distributors and exchanges did not bring a voluntary lessening of the number of American film showings in this Province.

Last year, said the Treasurer, there were some 2,000 films censored and approved by the Provincial Censors' Board. Of this number, only 17 were of British make. Asked by D. J. Taylor (Progressive, North Grey) what the British quota might be here, the Treasurer declared: "Not any more than 5 per cent. at the most. Just now it could not be any more than that."

## STRONG FIGHT MADE FOR USE OF DOGS IN HUNTING DEER

Arguments Come Thick and  
Fast Against Proposed  
Measure

HEATED EXCHANGES

Last efforts will be made this morning at the final meeting of the Game and Fish Committee of the Legislature, by "No! No! No!" members of that advisory body, to stay the Henry Government's hand in its proposed abolition of the use of dogs in deer-hunting.

A half-dozen offers, by way of compromise, will, it is expected, be put to the committee, but the feeling around legislative corridors last night—in spite of the overwhelming endorsement of the dogs, which was voiced at yesterday's committee meeting—was to the effect that the Government is convinced that, as a conservation measure, the proposed abolition is imperative, and is equally determined to legislate in that direction before the present session of the House terminates.

### Recorded Vote Foreseen.

In such event, there is little doubt but that Opposition members, who favor hounds, will call for a division on the legislation, and a recorded vote, with a view to putting on record the attitude of every member on the very contentious question.

Yesterday's meeting of the Fish and Game Committee was probably one of the largest and fiercest ever held at Queen's Park, with support of the abolition being literally snowed under by Opposition, with Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, locking horns with a speaker, who, it was alleged, by a confusion of statements, had inferred that departmental game wardens in the Parry Sound district had been mixed up in the sale of venison to lumber interests; with Thomas H. Bell (Conservative, Toronto - Bellwoods) deploring the expense to which speakers had been put in attending and arguing before the committee, if, as reported, the Government had already fixed its mind in advance on the matter; and with W. J. Moody of Kitchener, Honorary President of the Ontario Hunters' Game Protective Association, practically laying down to the Government, through the committee, the ultimatum that abolition of dogs would mean no votes from him and his friends at the next election.

### "Keep Politics Out."

"I've been a Conservative all my life," said Mr. Moody, heatedly, "and I've enough friends in the Ontario hunters to—"

"Keep politics out of this," several Conservative members shouted.

"Oh that's all right to yell that now," returned Mr. Moody, "but when election time comes around you're very glad to come to us."

"Keep that to yourself," some one called.

Chief support of the abolition movement came from a hardy annual in the person of Sam Harris of Toronto, and from J. W. Gravestock, representing the Peterboro' Fish and Game Protective Association. Lined up in opposition were H. W. Hunsberry, President of the Ontario Hunters; Mayor Robson of Guelph, William Gastle of Hamilton, Aubrey J. Davis of Newmarket, R. A. McDonald of Stratford, Norvall Lynn of Welland, Mr. Moody, John Stacey of Oshawa, Coulter McLean, M.P.P., of Eglinton, Mr. Bell, and N. O. Hipel, M.P.P., of South Waterloo.

### Blame Wolves, Not Dogs.

To a man, the Opposition charged that wolves, and not dogs (particularly the hounds used by the hunters), were responsible for any depletion of deer; that abolition of the dogs would not aid conservation, but would keep many sportsmen out of the bush in future, and as a result reduce Provincial revenue, and that it would increase the number of shooting accidents by reason of the fact that still-hunting would be the only means of a hunter getting his game.

## QUESTION OF ATHEISM IN U. OF T. REVIVED WHEN GRANT VOTED

Premier Not Anticipating  
Any Need for Cutting  
Off Money

NIXON RAISES POINT

Toward midnight the question of atheistic teaching in the University of Toronto was revived again in the Ontario Legislature during the voting of a grant of \$1,381,887 in the supplementary estimates of the Department of Education.

The brief revival of the question brought forth from Premier Henry the blunt assurance that "certainly the Government couldn't countenance an institution that undermined the faith of students who attended."

### Governors Competent.

He pointed out, too, that the Government had very adequate means of controlling the university through passing funds. But he did not anticipate any necessity for the exercise of such powers, because the present Board of Governors of the university were competent to deal with such situations as arose.

The question was precipitated by Hon. Harry Nixon, Progressive Leader, when the committee reached the item of the grant to the university. When the question of atheism in the university had been discussed earlier in the session, said Mr. Nixon, he understood the Premier's position to be that the Government had not much authority in the matter.

"The former Minister of Education declared on several occasions that he was boss of the university," declared Mr. Nixon, "and no one successfully challenged him. I would like to see the present Minister take a not too retiring attitude. I feel that the university would go a long way toward accepting any suggestions he would make."

### Entitled to Statement.

The Legislature and Government, Mr. Nixon felt, was entitled to a statement from whoever was in authority at the university.

"It is hardly fair," said the Premier, "to say that I washed my hands entirely of responsibility for the university when the question was last debated in the House. On that occasion I explained that the primary authority rested with the Board of Governors. We have a very adequate means of controlling the university through passing funds. But I do not anticipate any reason for exercising that power while we have the present competent board."

Very real progress had been made by the Board of Governors after the debate in the House on the Varsity's editorial, said the Premier, which justified the Government's decision to leave action for that body to take.