der it rained immediately after the speech was delivered; even the heavens shed tears. But they were not the only tears shed, said Mr. Hutchinson. There were the tears of the starving unemployed at the doors of the Parliament Buildings witnessing the gorgeous, the vulgar display of wealth on the opening occasion. He did not think these were appropriate in these times.

Increase in Unemployed.

Unemployed in the Town of Kenora had risen in number from 150 in January, 1930, to 700 in January, 1931, and to 1.055 in January, 1932. Many people who had saved money were at the end of their resources. Three hundred men were working offdays on the trans-Canada highway, but not making enough to live on. If these conditions prevailed for another year, people now called Reds would be merely pale pink.

The Fair Wage Act had been repudiated, and there was a determined effort on the part of the Provincial and Federal Governments to bring down wages. He charged that workers were being exploited as never before. The need for further funds for additional work for unemployed was urged by the Kenora member, who remarked that banking interests should be overridden. Cutting wages reduced purchasing power and hindered recovery, and if wages were to come down, interest rates must be re-

duced, and there must be a general equalization.

The Attorney-General was congratulated by W. W. Staples (Victoria South) on the manner in which proper justice had been meted out to Communists.

That too much money was being spent on the Provincial highways was the view of J. A. Sangster (Liberal, Glengarry). "I don't feel that it is right to spend over \$700,000 on the main Provincial highways in Glengarry," he said.

He feared that the completed trans-Canada highway would serve merely to rival the railways, in carrying both passengers and freight across the Do-

minion.

"It is no fishing expedition; you have the duty of explaining to the people all about these contracts," he remarked of the private power purchases in Quebec Province. He added that the need for investigation had been stressed, not only by the Liberal, but also by the Conservative press.

Premier Henry asked the Speaker to rule that the Madawaska deal should not be discussed in the House, when Mr. Singster started to mention that matter. After an interchange between the Prime Minister and the member, the latter agreed to let the

matter drop.

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# UNFIT PLANE USED SUBCOMMITTEES IN FATAL JOURNEY, ON FARMING NAMED

"Orphan" Craft Unsuitable for Forestry Work, House Is Told

## MADE IN UNITED STATES

# Earl Hutchinson Deplores Cut in Fliers' Pay With Little Notice

From Earl Hutchinson, Labor member for Kenora, the Legislature last night had the declaration that the Hamilton machine in which four members of the Ontario Forestry Branch went to their deaths in Rainy Lake last fall, was an "orphan" plane the United States manufacturers of which are now out of business—a machine totally unfit for forestry work, and a type which the Provincial fliers had to put up with, in spite of the fact that commercial companies would not buy it.

Mr. Hutchinson claimed that the Air Board inquiry into the crash had revealed that it had been caused by some air misjudgment upon the part of the pilot, plus unworthiness of the

ship.

### Difficult to Land.

He said that it could not be flown at a speed of less than ninety miles per hour in the air, and, with its short wings and fast motor, was very hard to land on either pontoons or skis.

The Labor member used this incident to illustrate the chances that the Forest Patrol fliers had to take in their work in the North, and to support his argument that the Government should have thought twice before cutting these men's salaries and wiping out the bonus-for-flying-hours system that had been in effect for years until this winter, when it was cut off "without hardly any notice at all."

#### Education Is Urged.

Mr. Hutchinson also took the Government to task for "spending thousands of dollars to place a few Communists in jail," when spending a few hundred in various places in the North to give people work and educate them against Communism would be more to the point.

That employees of Ontario paper mills were in serious trouble because the International Paper Company had been permitted by the Government to cut prices in Ontario, was the basis of another charge which he made before the House.

Instructed to Report Back Before Conclusion of Legislature

#### ABATTOIR VISIT

Six subcommittees, empowered to study various phases of farming and instructed to report back with recommendations before the current session ends, were appointed by the Agriculture and Colonization Committee of the Ontario Legislature at its organization meeting of yesterday.

These committees, with their respective conveners, are as follows: Dairying, James A. Sanderson, M.P.P., Grenville: Live Stock, Howard Fraleigh, East Lambton; Field Crops, Mark Vaughan, Welland; Poultry and Eggs, William Newman, North Victoria; Colonization and Agricultural Development, Hon. Dr. Paul Poisson, North Essex: Fruits and Vegetables, Horace Colliver, Prince Edward.

Any member of the main committee may identify himself with the work of as many subcommittees as he desires.

On Friday the entire main committee will visit the Harris Abattoir plant, where they will be given a demonstration of live stock grading and cutting, prior to being entertained at luncheon by the abattoir officials. The demonstrations will commence sharp at 9.45 o'clock. Cars in which to make the trip will leave the main entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 9 o'clock. Mr. Fraleigh is in charge of all arrangements. J. Edgar Jamieson, M.P.P., Southwest Simcoe, is again Chairman of the committee.