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Toward the close of his speech, Mr. Campbell protested low tobacco prices paid last year to Western Ontario growers; advised the Government to assist townships in road-improvement projects, and pushed further the Liberal criticism of the January loan flotation, the loan that "went over with a bang, and the echo is still resounding on the street corners where several small investors are telling their experiences in regard to trying to get some of the loan at \$97."

#### Prices Too Low.

Joseph St. Denis (Conservative, Prescott) made the only French-Canadian contribution to the debate just before the afternoon session was adjourned. The member for Prescott testified that personally he had shown confidence in the agricultural industry by adding to his farm holdings. But after quoting the price which he received for cheese, Mr. St. Denis said: "I readily admit that the farmer is not getting sufficient return for his products."

The Conservative member lauded both the Minister of Agriculture and the Government for what he termed their active and sincere attitude toward rural problems. "The trouble with our farming industry at the present time is not production; it is consumption or marketing," he said, contending that the Government had assisted in solving this problem.

Although citing the merits of his home county, Mr. St. Denis brought Glengarry into the picture, stating he could cope on equal terms with the present member's (J. A. Sangster) Gaelic. The two representatives of the Eastern ridings exchanged smiling comments across the House floor.

## Member Speaks in French In Ontario Legislature

### Tory Representative From Prescott Addresses Two Dozen Words and House Gets Surprise — Gratitude Expressed for Good-Will

The Ontario Legislature was stirred from the silence of late afternoon somnolence yesterday by two dozen words in French. To a half-empty House, which was awaiting adjournment for dinner, Joseph St. Denis (Conservative, Prescott) expressed gratitude for the Legislature's good-will (*bonne entente*) and co-operation in the language of Moliere and Voltaire. The member's speech, because of his accent, had been practically a total loss in the Press Gallery at the opposite end of the Chamber. But Mr. St. Denis took pains to signalize his change to French by asking the Speaker's permission to use that tongue. "Je remercie tout les membres de ce Parlement qui ont fait preuve du meilleur esprit de co-operation et de bonne entente," the member for Prescott is quoted as saying. He also employed the phrase "merci beaucoup." Veteran observers claimed that a decade had elapsed since a formal speech in French had been made in the Ontario House, and that had been made by a visitor from Ottawa.