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## Hurry Not Planned Answering Tories

### Henry Complains, But Hepburn Says Questions Exceed Average

Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn declared emphatically in the Ontario Legislature that the Government would not be stampeded into answering questions placed on the order paper by members of the Opposition.

"We will answer questions submitted by the Opposition when we are ready and not before," the Premier said.

#### Still Unanswered.

Hon. George S. Henry, Leader of the Opposition, had complained that one question, requesting the names and addresses of all employees taken on by the Government, had been submitted the day after the present session opened and still remained unanswered.

"It's quite possible the Government won't have some of the questions answered this session," Mr. Henry put in.

"It was possible in past years," declared the Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, who stated some of his questions had been unanswered by the former Government. Mr. Henry denied this.

"Take your medicine and like it," advised the Provincial Secretary.

#### 253 Queries.

Premier Hepburn pointed out that the Opposition has placed 253 questions on the order paper, whereas the average number in past sessions was about 100. It was quite evident that the Opposition intended to follow the declaration of Colonel W. H. Price, Conservative, Parkdale, to the effect that Opposition members proposed to ask as many questions as possible.

"We'll answer the questions as fast as possible," the Premier added, "but we aren't going to put on extra staff for the purpose."

## Higher Price Seen For Export Cheese

### Marshall to Negotiate With Marketing Board at Ottawa

To boost its cheese exports, Ontario's Department of Agriculture will shortly negotiate with the Marketing Board at Ottawa with an eye to a complete solution of the cheese problem. A description of the proposals was provided by Hon. Duncan Marshall yesterday at Queen's Park committee meeting.

Higher prices for Canadian cheese in London showed that England appreciated its quality, the Minister said. Cheese, like tobacco, lent itself to the Marketing Act. The department had been assisting the cheese patrons of Ontario; a grant was expected from Ottawa; and a small assessment would be laid at the factories.

"If this goes through," said Mr. Marshall, "from 65 to 70 per cent. of the cheese for export in Ontario should be available for sale under the act, and that should mean a better price. The cheese problem is well on its way to a satisfactory solution."

A publicity campaign to promote home consumption of cheese was urged by George Challies. He advocated a solution for the "spread" between farmer and market.

Committee members expressed the opinion that butter should be ranked by brands, rather than by grades. H. N. Carr held that grading regulations were unenforceable, pointing out that careless storage could reduce first grade butter to second grade butter in twenty-four hours. The question of bringing in the Dominion Grading Act was finally left to the discretion of the Minister.

## MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES

### Amendment to Act Ex- tends Benefits

Benefits of the Mothers' Allowance Act will be extended to widows with one child and foster mothers caring for one child under the age of 16, under the terms of an amendment to the act introduced in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. David A. Croll, Minister of Public Welfare.

The bill decreases the period of desertion from five to three years, and also provides that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may appoint one man to administer the affairs of the Mothers' Allowance Board in the place of three as at present.

Widows, otherwise eligible under the terms of the act, will now be entitled to benefits provided they become naturalized. The amendment also clarifies the definition of "incapacitation" and states that families of inmates of mental hospitals shall be entitled to benefits under the act.

## Labor Standards Bill Talked Out

"I doubt very much if this measure will be very effective. The labor men—the trade unionists in particular—had expected something better."

C.C.F. criticism of Attorney-General Arthur Roebuck's industrial standards legislation was summed up in the Legislature yesterday in these words from Sam Lawrence, Hamilton's C.C.F. member.

The Hamilton member was one of a half-dozen Opposition and Government members who spoke for and against the labor bill and at 5 o'clock had talked it out.

Generally the speakers agreed that the bill had some merit and some defects—but the Opposition held that it was impotent and should be amended and the Government members urged immediate passage.

## "Ride at Own Risk" Featured in Bill

The first step toward freeing the owner or driver of a motor vehicle from responsibility of death or injury to "gratuitous" passengers was taken in the Ontario Legislature yesterday when first reading was given to such a measure. The bill was introduced by W. F. Schwenger, Liberal, Hamilton East, and is in the form of an amendment to the Negligence Act.