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"Stupidity" Blamed For Loss of Cattle

Hon. Duncan Marshall
Thinks Officials Hurt
Market

"Stupidity" on the part of British and Canadian authorities for the recent setback suffered by the cattle industry of the Province was claimed by Hon. Duncan Marshall in addressing the Legislature Agriculture Committee yesterday. He cited the case of an Ontario shipper who sent forty-four animals to Great Britain, and of these thirty-three were ordered destroyed.

"They were not diseased," Mr. Marshall claimed. "Every one of them had been tested for tuberculosis before it was shipped. Every once in a while they take a fit to slash into Canadian cattle. I believe it is deliberately done."

The Minister recalled the case of another Ontario buyer who purchased cattle in Scotland. The Canadian Government posted a regulation that the cattle must be held in Canada for six months, instead of the usual sixty days, or otherwise they must be put in quarantine in London, Eng.

"These things," the Minister declared, "are doing more harm to the marketing than anything that has happened in a long time. It is a pity that, because of the stupidity of officials here and in Britain, we get into these messes. I hope it will be straightened out."

Mr. Marshall declared he was taking steps to correct these conditions, as Canada is in need of British and United States markets.

Three Highways Will Be Opened

Tories Criticize Road Policy
of Ontario Gov-
ernment

Hon. Peter Heenan invited Conservatives in last night's Legislature to attend three Northern Ontario highway openings this summer—and the Conservatives, notwithstanding, gave his estimates a rough ride.

Kenora to Fort William, Sioux Lookout to Dryden, and Kenora to Fort Frances routes will be opened in the summer and late fall, Mr. Heenan said. Conservatives turned their questions on the Muskoka Lake highway; on general highway estimates and on radio and aeroplane expenses in the Forestry Department.

"Mr. Noad has resigned," Mr. Heenan said in reply to more queries about his department staff. "I haven't seen Mr. Noad since I came back," he explained, "but it is my understanding that he is going back to private business." Mr. Noad, he said, is a British subject.

A. H. Acres strongly urged that the trans-Canada highway be pulled out of politics and regarded as a five-year plan—not a one-year project. Mr. Heenan was upbraided for promising Northern work and then throwing blame on the Dominion for failure of negotiations.

The trans-Canada highway arguments were received by Premier Hepburn was more or less in favor. "It is financially impossible," he said, "for the Province of Ontario to carry on a work of that kind alone." Estimates were promised on Dominion co-operation.

New Lignite Plans Before Cabinet

The Ontario Government has no intention of entering into any agreements in respect to the production of lignite coal in Ontario without the consent of the Legislature, according to the statement of Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn in the Ontario House last night. As the proposal stands at the present time, the Province intends to pay on a royalty basis. Officials of the Department of Mines and of the T. & N.O. Railway, the Premier pointed out, are interested in plans presented by a group with a German process and now before the Cabinet, which will be considered in detail shortly.

Prorogation Today, Is Hepburn Plan

Opposition Concur in Wish
to Finish Legislative
Session

Prorogation this afternoon was scheduled by Premier Hepburn in yesterday's Legislature. As the House swept its last legislation through committee the Premier asked for unanimous consent to pass third readings. The Lieutenant-Governor would be then invited, he explained, to prorogue the House today.

"The new members can be present," the Premier pointed out, as he suggested the change in the old-time formula of a Tuesday-after-Easter prorogation attended by only a handful of Toronto members.

"I'm perfectly willing," said former Premier Henry, and the legislation of the first session of the Nineteenth Legislature was wiped off the order paper by way of third readings.