

QUINTS COMPETE AGAINST NIAGARA, HOUCK COMPLAINS

Tourists Leave Hurriedly for Callander

The five little Dionne girls at Callander have offered serious competition to Niagara Falls, famed mecca for tourists, according to W. L. Houck, Liberal member of the Ontario Legislature for Niagara Falls.

"Last summer we had a highly successful season, but our greatest competition came from the Dionne quintuplets," Mr. Houck declared last night in the Legislature. "Other years people would stop at least two or three days to take in all the beauty of Niagara Falls, but this year, considering the distance between Niagara Falls and Callander, they were very anxious to be on their way and would stop only to view the scenery and then leave again."

A huge omnibus cavalcade of United States tourists is to visit Callander in July, it was revealed by Mr. Houck. The member announced that a large tourist organization in Indianapolis is arranging the monster excursion. The string of busses will cross the border at Niagara Falls, pass through Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa, and make a long stop at Callander to permit the passengers to see the babies before the return trip is begun.

MINISTER'S STEED ENTERTAINS M.P.'S

Criticized Stallion Puts On Show at Guelph

Guelph, March 25 (CP).—Craigie Realization, the champion Scottish Clydesdale stallion whose purchase by Hon. Duncan Marshall, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, drew criticism in the Legislature recently, had visitors today. They were members of the Ontario Legislature Agricultural Committee.

While the members of the Legislature expressed a variety of opinions on the stallion, Craigie Realization put on a little show of tossing his head, raising two enormous feet and trotting spiritedly around the path back of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Nixon Is Called "Plowshare"

HARRY NIXON was called a "plowshare" in the Legislature last night, but the speaker meant it as a compliment to the Provincial Secretary.

D. M. Campbell, East Kent Liberal M.P.P., who was elected to the Legislature in the last year of the Henry regime, was telling the House how the Tories had maltreated Mr. Nixon when he was in Opposition.

"They beat him and pounded him," said Mr. Campbell, "and they beat him and melted him and pounded him, and we should have been thankful, for they were turning out a plowshare for us in our Provincial Secretary."

Mr. Nixon blushed a deep crimson, while the Liberal benches pounded their desks.

PREMIER ORDERS LIQUOR INQUIRY

Kidd Reports Irregularities at Picton

A report on the Picton liquor irregularities brought out in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Colonel T. A. Kidd, was in Premier Hepburn's hands last night, after the Premier had ordered a full, fast inquiry into the whole matter.

Officials reported that the whiskey labels, which Colonel Kidd said were being attached to liquor purchases, dated from just after the Liquor Control Act was passed, when they had been used to identify the wrapped-up stock on the Liquor Board shelves. Officials at Picton with "mistaken" ideas of economy had been using up these old labels in recent months, he claimed.

Premier Hepburn would not say if any disciplinary action would be taken, but said that the matter would be inquired into at length.

DRIVING PERMIT BAN STAYS ON

Plea Made for Farmers' Children

Much as he would like to remove a tedious daily task from the shoulders of the parents of rural Ontario, Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways, was not going to extend motor operating permits to under-aged school children.

In the Legislature yesterday, D. M. Campbell, Liberal member for Kent East, complained bitterly that he and countless other farmers every day were forced "to leave their teams tied up to the fence, while they drove their children in the family automobile to high school, and went back and waited for them when school was out—only to find, likely as not, that they were being 'kept in,' with a further loss of valuable time, while the parents waited for their offspring, and the work in the fields remained unfinished."

He urged a special type of operator's permits to suit such cases.

Speaking to The Globe afterward, Mr. McQuesten expressed every sympathy for the farmers faced with the problem in question, but said the expert opinion had always been opposed to granting licenses to even the most capable of children under 16.

T. & N.O. AIR LINE RIGHTS SOUGHT

Bill Would Provide Truck and Bus Lines

The expected legislation giving the T. & N.O., Ontario's Government-owned railway, the right to operate bus, truck and aeroplane lines was brought down in the Legislature yesterday by Premier Hepburn.

The law will empower the railway to operate these lines in connection with its Northern railway service; to borrow the money for them, and to build any necessary hangars, garages or aerodromes. The legislation will permit the T. & N.O. Commission to do this in their own name or in the name of an incorporated company, and will free either body from municipal or Highways Department license fees.

HEENAN EXPLAINS CHANGE IN ROUTES

Answers Charge Made by Lancaster

"Being still young in public life, although he had white hair," T. P. Lancaster, Conservative M.P.P. for Peterboro', would probably not appreciate the emptiness of the charge which he levelled against the Department of Northern Development on Tuesday, Hon. Peter Heenan told the Tory member in the House yesterday.

Mr. Lancaster had claimed that during the construction of the Burleigh Falls-Apsley-Bancroft highway, six miles of partially built road was abandoned and the route changed, because of the objections of "petty party heelers" who wanted the road to pass their farms."

While the Conservative Government was still in office, the change in route was decided upon by engineers under Hon. William Finlayson, his predecessor in office, Mr. Heenan explained, and if the change was to be blamed on "petty party heelers," then that designation would have to be applied to the deputation of Reeves and reputable municipal officials who had concurred in the alteration of the route. The department files were open, if the member wished to verify the facts, Mr. Heenan added.