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LIBERAL ASKS DRINKING CURB

North York M.L.A. Favors
Excluding Women From
Beverage Rooms

LAND MOVE ADVOCATED

Exclusion of women from beverage rooms was advocated before the Legislature yesterday by Morgan Baker (Lib., North York). Construing such action as "a step in the right direction"—one which, in his belief, would aid immeasurably in curbing the present drink traffic—Mr. Baker argued that if it should be found to interfere with tourist traffic business, then it might be limited to those hotels that weren't observing regulations as well as they might.

"Rights of both wets and dries must be maintained in this Province if we are to have a democratic form of government," declared Mr. Baker, "but I frankly would like to see something done to check the present drinking among the public."

The North York member claimed that a properly conceived and operated back-to-the-land movement was the sole solution to the current unemployment problem. The Government, he felt, should select good farms throughout Ontario and place thereon unemployed men, who were not afraid to work, and supply them with agricultural training from specially appointed tutors of practical experience. "Such a move," he said, "will pay dividends in the future that cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents now."

Mr. Baker also urged registration of all married women as one means of ending a situation wherein hundreds of young girls were "walking the streets in poverty, without employment." He said that it was quite unfair that women should hold jobs while their husbands were likewise employed, all for the purpose of "living in luxury and having a good time."

The alleged sectional appeals of the Conservative Party in recent elections also came in for his criticism. While he would not attempt, he said, to fix responsibility for these appeals, there were "far too many bigots among the Tories" ready to sow the seeds of prejudice and distrust—something, he added, which had no part in the British Empire.

FARM BURDEN SAID LIGHTER WITH HEPBURN

Hydro, Interest, Roads Costs
Less, D. M. Campbell
Claims

LAUDS PASTEURIZATION

Defense of the Hepburn Government's agricultural policy was offered by D. M. Campbell (Lib., Kent East) in the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne yesterday afternoon.

Replying to criticism directed at the Government's farm policy by A. H. Acres (Cons., Carleton), Mr. Campbell pointed to the reduction in Hydro rates, lowering of interest rates on farm loans, and acceptance of financial responsibility for Provincial roads as examples of the sincerity of the Government's interest in the agricultural welfare of the Province.

"The honorable member says we are doing nothing for the farmer," he said. "His Government loaned them fully 100 per cent of the value of their farms, and it was no kindness to them. We have lowered interest rates and reamortized their mortgages to make it possible for them to carry the burdens of debt they incurred as a result."

He did not believe the agricultural areas needed bonuses any longer. The industry was getting on its feet, he declared, and was able to stand alone.

"Our problem is not the growing of crops," Mr. Campbell declared, "but in finding markets for our produce at prices that give a reasonable profit over and above the cost of production."

The bill for compulsory pasteurization of milk, he declared, would be a boon to agriculturists every-

where in Ontario, and he was convinced it had the full support of farming communities throughout the Province.

His only regret concerning the bill, he said, was that the rural sections of the Province were not being directly benefited by it. The bill would apply only to municipalities and districts where it was practical to enforce it, and yet statistics showed that rural centres showed a higher percentage of bovine tuberculosis than urban municipalities.

"Time was when we thought the country was a far healthier place to raise children," he said, "but pasteurization in cities and large centres has practically freed urban centres of bovine tuberculosis in children."

Mr. Campbell expressed full agreement with the opinion expressed by Dr. A. S. Duncan (Lib.,

London), who said he believed there were a far greater number of cases of undulant fever in Ontario than were indicated by the figures

compiled. Because of that condition, he said, the establishment of restricted areas for cattle was an important step forward.

The member from East Kent took issue with Hon. Leopold Macaulay

concerning the abolition of the service charge for Hydro power, but he urged the Hydro Commission to seriously consider the possibility of increasing Hydro service in rural areas.