

URGES OTTAWA GIVE MORE AID TO AGRICULTURE

**F. Oliver Tells Legislature
Even Wrong Move Would
Be Better Than Nothing;
Hits Stifling of Debate**

CBC PLAY CRITICIZED

The Federal Government can, and must, do more for the farmers in the way of legislation, said Farquhar Oliver, U.F.O., only third party member of the Ontario Legislature, during yesterday's debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. He warned that the farmer before long would have to sell on the home market for whatever he could get and then dump his products indiscriminately on world markets.

The farmer buys all his requirements in a protected market and sells on an open market against competition from countries with lower standards of living and, in many cases, subsidies for agricultural exporters, said Mr. Oliver. "The Canadian and Ontario farmer cannot face these conditions and come out alive," he said.

In his opening remarks Mr. Oliver rapped Opposition Leader Drew for stifling free speech in the House by limiting criticism of the Throne Speech to his own remarks. "It is essential, if democracy is to be carried on," said Mr. Oliver, "to have freedom of discussion on debates of this importance."

Only Tool for Redress.

"There is a great deal of talk in this province about the Leadership—or Leaderless—League," he continued, "which is trying to show the people of Ontario and of the whole country how the time of Parliament is wasted. The Globe and Mail has quoted certain proceedings in the Federal Parliament, what time was spent, and how much the talk cost. I don't like that kind of thing. Talking is the only instrument we have for redress.

"The Globe and Mail claims it is in the interests of democracy to curtail this discussion and save the provincial taxpayers a few paltry pennies. But let me say that it will cost us a great deal more in the long run if we stifle discussion; we will lose more in rights and privileges than in dollars and cents."

The paper had also waged a definite campaign against fascism

and communism, he added, particularly against communism in the last Toronto election. He believed the people sometimes were prone to emphasize the dangers of communism without taking into account the full extent of the threat of the Rightist forces.

"Both sides seek to destroy democracy as we know it," he said. "Let us take care lest in knocking communism out the front door fascism enters by the back door and makes itself at home."

Criticizes Broadcast.

The Farmer member scored what he termed slurs upon the good name and reputation of his fellows in the industry, which were to be found in certain lines of the amusement industry. He rapped particularly a play, broadcast over the CBC, which, he said, did not depict farmers in a true light.

"If the CBC, instead of barring the speeches of the Publisher of The Globe and Mail, barred some of this stuff, it would make for better feeling in this country," he said.

To the Labor Minister, he commended a plan for training young farmers in leadership, in association with the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Plan. He claimed agriculture was in need of a central organization to speak for the farmers, but an organization that was divorced of politics.

"I think the Dominion Government should be doing something about these matters. I think I would sooner have them doing the wrong thing than nothing at all," said Mr. Oliver.