

## CHEESE BONUS OTTAWA BAIT, SAYS HEPBURN

**Scheme 'Offered by a Dying Government,' He Terms It as He Commends Dewan for Taking Sound Stand**

### GARDINER UNDER FIRE

Dominion Government bonuses on cheese were described by Premier Hepburn in the Ontario Legislature last night as "bait offered by a dying government at Ottawa," in the course of brief debate on Department of Agriculture estimates in committee of supply.

Voicing his opposition to the Federal scheme to pay two cents a pound bonus for high-scoring cheese, Premier Hepburn commended Hon. P. M. Dewan, Minister of Agriculture, for the stand he had taken earlier in the debate.

"I am glad the Minister is sound enough," he said, "not to fall for the bait offered by a dying government at Ottawa."

T. A. Kidd (Con., Kingston) had expressed the opinion that Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, was "putting himself out for the farmer" in his plan for agriculture.

"He's not putting himself out," Hon. H. C. Nixon interjected. "He's keeping himself in."

The debate which brought Premier Hepburn's condemnation of Ottawa Government was engendered by George S. Henry (Con., East York), who charged that the quality of Ontario cheese had fallen during the past year. Mr. Henry warned the government that the standard must be maintained if Canadian cheese producers were to enjoy continued success in the British market. He urged that at least a portion of the funds granted to the Milk Control Board should be used to encourage improvement in the quality of cheese produced.

The former Conservative Premier also charged that the name of the Agriculture Minister was still being used in connection with advertising of a dairy co-operative with which Mr. Dewan was connected before his appointment to the Cabinet.

"The Minister was an official of one of the largest co-operatives in Ontario," Mr. Henry said. "Since his appointment I understand he has resigned that office, and yet advertisements of that company, I understand, still carry the name of the Minister in a prominent place."

"That's a grave charge," said Mr. Nixon.

"Not at all," replied Mr. Henry. "I'm not suggesting that the Minister had any knowledge of the fact."

## Dewan Dared by Henry To Test Farm Stamina

Conservative opposition to the acquisition of new farm lands for the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph developed in the Legislature last night into a challenge to Minister of Agriculture P. M. Dewan to spend a day at work in the fields of George S. Henry (Con., East York), "to see who will look for sundown first."

The challenge, issued by the former Conservative Premier, was accepted spontaneously by the Minister, but date of the proposed conflict was left undecided as the House proceeded to other phases of the estimates before details could be arranged.

Interrupting the East York member's protest against addition of new farm lands to the Agricultural

College's holdings, Hon. H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, asked: "How many acres have you?"

"That's aside from the point," Mr. Henry replied. "I'm not a city farmer."

"Well, you're a gentleman farmer," suggested Mr. Dewan.

"No, I'm not a gentleman farmer either," Mr. Henry said. "I'll invite the Minister of Agriculture to visit my farm some day and I'll wager he will look for sundown sooner than I will if he works with me."

"That comes from plowing a straight furrow, I suppose," interjected Mr. Nixon.

"You can't do that without practice," said the former Premier.

"Name the date and I'll be there," promised Mr. Dewan.

## Drew Demands Probe Of Subversive Factions

Full public inquiry into the activities of subversive organizations in Ontario was demanded by Colonel George A. Drew, Conservative Leader, in the Legislature yesterday, with a view to discovering how they are financed and whether any action might be taken against them.

A resolution ordering the investigation was introduced by Colonel Drew after J. J. Glass (Lib., Toronto-St. Andrew) had read in the House a newspaper report which carried "an admission, made under oath in an Ontario court, that there is a terrorist organization in Toronto existing for the purpose of beating up persons who disagree with it."

The resolution, viewed with disfavor by both Attorney-General Gordon Conant and Hon. Harry Nixon, Acting House Leader in the absence of Premier Hepburn, was placed on the order paper for future consideration.

### Promises to Inquire.

It was presented by the Conservative Leader and seconded by Mr. Glass after Mr. Conant had told the House that the situation outlined by Mr. Glass would be investigated.

"I think the time has come when this sort of thing should not be permitted to go any further," Colonel Drew said in proposing his

resolution. "A full, open, public inquiry should be carried out under the Public Inquiries Act."

"Padlock law!" interposed Joseph Habel (Lib., Cochrane North).

"That is the sort of remark which helps to lower the dignity of this House," rejoined Colonel Drew. "There is no suggestion of any padlock law in this resolution. A public inquiry would give us the opportunity of clearing up all this discussion."

Communist, Nazi and Fascist organizations, Colonel Drew said, were commonly believed to be working in Canada to impose foreign doctrines of government by force and he felt it was time members of the House found out "just what is going on."

### Doubtful of Inquiry.

"I entirely agree with the suggestion that these groups are operating in Canada," said Attorney-General Conant, "but I'm not at all sure that such an inquiry would accomplish what the Conservative Leader has in mind and what we would all like. In the final analysis we would find little or no evidence of violation of the present law. If the Federal Parliament would amend the Criminal Code to meet the situation we could, with our present machinery, take care of conditions that exist."