

STRICT CONTROL OF HOG DISEASE TERMED URGENT

Province Is Asked to
Exercise Supervision;
Shipping Ills Rampant

WORK OUTLINED

Strict control, under Government authority, of the "trafficking" of sick hogs from diseased herds, and a plan of assistance to farmers in controlling hog disease under the war stimulated production program, was urged upon the Legislature agriculture committee yesterday by Harry Wilson, Kent County farmer and a member of the advisory committee to the Canadian Bacon Board.

"We need from one million to a million and a half more hogs to meet our quota on the British market," said Mr. Wilson. "There are disease problems. We can't afford to take a chance. We must supply this bacon quota."

He described to the committee the dangers from "shipping fever" a disease with a high mortality rate. Farmers, he claimed, once the symptom of illness appeared, tried often to get rid of their sick and threatened hogs before the entire pens were affected. The disease, he said, was spread in this manner. Many hog truckers failed to clean out their trucks from "one year's end to the other."

"This is a national emergency," said Mr. Wilson. "We need more hogs and as more are raised, the danger of losses rises proportionately. It is high time that this trafficking in sick hogs is stopped. How on earth are we going to step up hog production and let this thing go on."

The committee struck a sub-committee to consider the problem. Members are: W. G. Nixon (Lib., Temiskaming), C. M. Macfie (Lib., Middlesex South), D. M. Campbell (Lib., Kent East), W. J. Gardhouse (Lib., York West), F. R. Oliver (U.F.O., Grey South), and Col. T. L. Kennedy (Con., Peel), former Minister of Agriculture.

The health of animals subject was extended by Joseph Darlington, York County, who reviewed the work in eliminating over large areas tuberculosis in cattle and who stressed that the problem of contagious abortion (Bang's disease) urgently required attention.

He believed that the Federal Department of Agriculture was not in a position to extend its work. "I don't think we have any hope of getting Federal assistance and if anything is going to be done in Ontario, we will have to do it ourselves," said Mr. Darlington.

Dr. Harold Welsh (Con., East Hastings) who brought to the committee authoritative information on the associated disease, undulant fever, affecting human consumers of unpasteurized milk, believed that farmers should receive compensation for affected animals, as in the T.B. program. Mr. Darlington stressed that the immediate need was Provincial technical assistance involving blood testing, in farmer co-operative attempts to establish disease-free areas.

I. B. Whale, livestock editor of the Farmers Advocate, London, and manager of the Advocate Farm, claimed that the greatest individual farm problem was lack of money, unless an income on a parity with that of urban dwellers was obtained soon, he claimed, farmers, as a depressed class, would have to receive legislative assistance.

TOWNS' MERGER MOVE FORECAST AT QUEEN'S PARK

Lakeshore Application
to Ontario Municipal
Board Expected Soon

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One or more of the Lakeshore municipalities will make almost immediate application to the Ontario Municipal Board for leave to amalgamate New Toronto, Mimico, Long Branch and a section of the Humber Bay area, it was forecast yesterday at Queen's Park.

The move, it is expected, will bring to a head years-long controversy over the amalgamation issue and may give leadership in solving the wider Metropolitan Area problem.

W. J. Gardhouse (Lib., York West) who for many months has been working on the amalgamation plan, admitted that he anticipated application would be made within a few days.

"Under the act," he explained, "any one of the municipalities has the authority to apply to the board. I am very much in favor of it and I will do anything I can to bring it about. I hope that it will be a reality and will be ready for ratification by the Legislature at the next session."

Once the board gave its approval, Legislative approval would have to be obtained through a private bill. In this instance, the bill would be introduced by Mr. Gardhouse, in whose riding the municipalities lie.