

Throne Speech Tells Of Aid for Farmers

Farm aid legislation to assist an industrial group "whose income dropped in twelve years from 18 per cent of the national income to 8," and minor amendments to a half-dozen bills, were forecast yesterday in the Speech from the Throne read by Hon. Albert Matthews, Lieutenant-Governor, at Queen's Park.

The Speech, frankly more a review of the Government's activities than a reflection on coming legislation, declared the Administration's intention of subsidizing cheese and bacon, of encouraging students to take on harvest labor and of backing generally, programs which will assist in the prosecution of the war.

As predicted earlier, also, the Speech foreshadows some legislation to implement recommendations of the committee which inquired into the administration of justice. It announces that the Department of Highways intends to complete the Trans-Canada road by building the last link between Hearst and Geraldton and of finishing the double-track road between Toronto and Oshawa.

"During the month of January," the Speech continued, "representatives of the various Provinces were summoned to Ottawa to discuss the Sirois report on Dominion-Provincial relations. The Ontario delegates emphasized what this Legislature has affirmed in several resolutions; namely, its desire to co-operate fully toward the successful prosecution of the war. My Ministers considered that the constitutional changes contemplated by the report with the inevitable dislocation of administrative machinery and personnel would be a deterrent to the war effort, and that the issues involved might well await discussion in the calmer days of peace. As you are aware, the conference closed without any action being taken on the report."

It was forecast that the Income Tax Act will be amended to increase the exemptions on money given to patriotic projects and that the Mortgages and Purchasers' Relief Act terms will be extended. A proposed amendment to the Game and Fisheries Act will increase the wolf bounty.

Provincial Deficit \$3,235,096 As Debt Increased \$28,934,519

Revenues in the Provincial Treasurer's Department, which failed by more than \$5,000,000 to come up to the estimate given in the Budget address by Premier Hepburn on March 30, 1939, were responsible largely for turning an estimated surplus of \$150,872 into a deficit of \$3,235,096, according to Ontario Public Accounts, 1939-40, released yesterday at Queen's Park.

The Premier budgetted for revenues in his own department of \$48,299,424, but got \$43,195,794. Mr. Hepburn forecast net ordinary reve-

due of \$90,261,982 and received \$88,172,951. He estimated net ordinary expenditures, including relief, of \$90,111,110 and they were, instead, \$91,407,047.

Individual returns for the Treasurer's branch showed that succession duties at \$11,500,000 had failed by nearly \$5,500,000 to come up to expectations, although liquor revenues exceeded the estimates by approximately \$2,000,000.

The summary showed that the net Provincial debt had increased \$28,934,519, from \$478,268,626 in 1939.