

# Development Is Urged Of Surplus Food Stocks To Feed United Kingdom

Must Be in Position to  
Replace Raid Losses,  
Legislature Is Told

EXPECT HEAVY TOLL

Development in Canada of surplus food stocks that the United Kingdom may be guaranteed replacement of losses incurred by U-boat and air-raids, yesterday was advocated by Harold N. Carr (Lib., Northumberland), in moving the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Campbellford creamery proprietor warned that the Nazis "are bound to take heavy toll of cargo boats." It was not beyond the possibility that British children might go hungry, he told the Legislature.

"Let us wake up before it is too late," he said. "Encourage the production of all food products possible and let us, as a wartime measure only, support the markets and prevent surplus stocks from depressing the prices for farm products. Surplus food stocks at this time should be looked on as an asset and not a liability."

The member's assertion was made in commending the Hepburn Administration for "assisting Britain through our farmers by encouraging a plentiful supply of bacon and cheese, when prices have been pegged from other quarters at unprofitable levels."

#### Claims Two Counties Hit.

In contrast, a critical note of the proposal to subsidize cheese producers by \$2,000,000, bacon producers by \$1,500,000 and to spend approximately \$200,000 in paying part of the freight rates on Western grains to Ontario, came from Dr. Adelard C. Trottier, member for Essex North. The Windsor physician seconded the address and said that Kent and Essex Counties had different problems to the other sections of the Province.

The two counties, he said, for the most part produced field crops which were cash crops. In corn, however, they grew 65 per cent of the entire production. "The cheese subsidy does not benefit our farmers," said Dr. Trottier. "The subsidy to the feed consumers in the form of freight rates has actually resulted in a serious setback to the corn producers of Essex and Kent."

Dr. Trottier estimated that the 4,000,000 bushels of yet unsold corn has been depreciated by approximately \$500,000 by the Government's freight assistance plan. Therefore, he said, his section is asking the Ontario Government to arrange with the Federal Government, a similar freight benefit to the corn growers.

The freight rate, Windsor to seaboard, was 23 cents per hundred pounds, only 2 cents under the Fort William rate, Dr. Trottier said.

His presentation of the special case for farmers in the extreme southwestern part of the Province, was the only note of criticism of Hepburn Government policies in addresses which were, largely, a summary of the Administration's activities.

#### Raps Butter Peg.

Mr. Carr was critical of the Dominion Government's order of last December pegging the price of butter, charged there was no sound economic reason for establishing a maximum price and by implication suggested it was because Ottawa was afraid labor would demand a bonus on wages on the one hand and that finance had a control on the other.

"Why is the Federal Government so fearful of the effect of rising prices that it insists that farm prices must not rise?" he asked. "Is it, by any chance, because of a stranglehold of finance? Are the financial interests of Canada dictating the policy of the Government as was done in France with such disastrous results to the French nation?"