

RADICAL FARM ACTION NEEDED, L. M. FROST SAYS

**Conservative Criticizes
Stand Hepburn Took on
Sirois Recommendations**

RAPS DEBT INCREASE

Endorsing the motion of his Leader that another Dominion-Provincial conference should be called without delay to deal with questions of great importance to the people of Canada, L. M. Frost, Conservative member for Victoria, charged that Premier Hepburn had missed the greatest opportunity of a generation by leaving the Sirois Conference in Ottawa when he did. While there were certain aspects of the Sirois recommendations with which he did not concur, particularly those of a financial nature, there were other recommendations on matters of vital importance which were not given consideration at the Ottawa conference and which probably will never be aired in a conference.

"Agricultural problems need more radical treatment than any which has yet been suggested by the Government," he stated. "Other people besides the farmers are bewildered by the constitutional bottlenecks which are stifling them."

He admitted that the Sirois Commission was sent out on its voyage under most inauspicious conditions and right from the time that a conference was suggested it was doomed to failure. However, he pointed out, that no report brought in by a commission can be immediately adopted, as constitutional changes come as the result of conferences and compromises.

"The Prime Minister of Ontario had a great chance to give leadership to the people of Canada. If he had used his personality, and he has a great personality, he would have done a lot toward improving conditions in Canada. The Sirois report recommends many more things than just financial matters. And some of these are of the greatest importance to the people of Canada.

"We have a very, very acute financial condition in Ontario at the present time," he continued. "We are faced with heavy war expenditures and also by the highest tax rate in the history of the Province. During the past thirty years the dead debt of the Province has increased from six to 509 millions, and 100 millions of this has been since 1937. New taxes are being added each year."

He pointed out a number of cases where constitutional bottlenecks prevent Provincial Governments delegating powers to the Federal Government or the Dominion delegating certain powers to the Provinces. Among these he listed old age pensions, minimum wage laws and the regulation of the economic marketing of natural products.

Says Packers' Profits Increase.

The cheese and hog subsidies instituted by the Government were all right to a certain point, but they were an ineffective best. He twitted members of the Liberal Party on the change of their viewpoint from 1936, when they opposed subsidizing certain sections of the farming community.

"The farmers need more radical action than they are getting from either the Dominion or Provincial Government. Bonuses are helping in the face of a very bad situation, but this cannot be cleaned up without a conference at Ottawa. The farmers have no control over the foreign markets, although they think they should get a reasonably fair profit. We can give them some control over the domestic market so they can get this profit. I honestly think the people of Ontario want the farmer to get a fair deal.

"It is, indeed, a curious situation that the packers, for example, are making an increased profit, while the farmers are leaving the farms because they cannot make ends meet.

"All these are problems that can only be rectified by a conference between the Dominion and Provincial Governments. We should get together amicably and thresh out these questions."

May Send Summonses by Mail In Traffic Cases if Bill Passes

Under an amendment to the Summary Convictions Act, aimed at reducing the amount of costs in traffic court cases, summons for violation of the Traffic Act shall be served by prepaid post.

The bill was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Gordon Conant, Attorney-General. The summons "shall have endorsed upon its face a notice that if the person summoned does not appear in person or by his representative, he will be served personally or by leaving the summons at his place of abode."

Where a person does not appear in answer to a mailed summons, a new summons is to be served within ten days of the date of trial mentioned in the original summons. Provision is made that a summons may be proved served by the affidavit of the person who mailed it.

A second bill introduced by Mr. Conant provides for the licensing of persons who act as agents for

other persons in the sale and exchange of businesses. The bill is called the Business Brokers' Act, 1941, and in general principle and arrangement follows the Collection Agencies Act, 1939.