

## Order 'Unemployables' Re-examined for Relief

Unemployables in several Provincial centres will be reclassified shortly as a result of the success attained recently in a combined survey and registration made in Toronto, Hon. N. O. Hipel, Minister of Labor and of Public Welfare, announced yesterday in the Legislature.

He said 2,244 heads of families in Toronto were ordered to report at Queen's Park before senior officials of the employment service. Men who claimed disability will be examined by the Mothers' Allowance Medical Board.

Only two refused to report and they were stricken from the relief

rolls. He said 604 were selected for war industry training in the vocational schools, 989 were assigned directly to the employment service offices, 252 were returned to the Toronto Welfare Department as requiring medical attention, 17 were placed in employment immediately, 294 got jobs between the time the plan was started and the time they were to report, 44 enlisted and four died before they could report.

At the moment 134 are taking training and the remainder of the selected group will enter training as soon as possible. "As a result of this experiment 361 families already have been taken off relief in Toronto," said Mr. Hipel.

## Ode to the Mammoth Cheese Dedicated in House to Lanark

Let Perth in far-off Lanark County hang out the bunting and declare a holiday, for yesterday in the Ontario Legislature it was finally ruled that Perth was the birthplace of the "biggest cheese."

The "biggest cheese" title has long been a subject for debate and battle. It has been argued by cheese men across Canada and has inspired the pens of countless writers. Ingersoll in Oxford County said it had the "biggest cheese" and so did Perth and thus the battle lines were drawn.

On Thursday George Doucett, Lanark Conservative, flaunted the "biggest cheese" claim of his hometown Perth before the Legislature and immediately the gauge was snatched up by Speaker James Clark. "Twas Oxford County and not Lanark that produced the "biggest cheese," he said from the Throne. Mr. Doucett sent a picture of the "biggest cheese" in proof. Speaker Clark was not convinced.

But yesterday the old Oxford boy

and now member for Windsor-Sandwich as well as Speaker, got up from the Throne and admitted, that late evidence placed before him, indicated without doubt the "biggest cheese," a 22,000-pound monster built for the Chicago World's Fair of 1892 and later sent to England was indeed the "biggest cheese." And at the same time he admitted that Ingersoll's "next biggest cheese" was but a stripling of 7,000 pounds.

The "biggest cheese" controversy ended with Colonel George Drew, Conservative Leader, quoting from James McIntyre's "Ode to the Mammoth Cheese," of which the first line goes: "Hail to thee, Mammoth Cheese, lying gently at its ease."

There is, he claimed, a wealth of tradition and lore in the works of the local versifiers and, in a moment of home-town pride, Colonel Drew said: "There is no equal to James Gay of Guelph when it comes to informal poetry of this kind."

## HOUCK ATTACKS MEIGHEN STAND

### Seaway Will Not Divert War Money, He Declares

#### QUOTES ROOSEVELT

The contention of Senator Arthur Meighen, that the expenditures on the St. Lawrence project would divert many millions of dollars from war purposes, was criticized in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. L. Houck, vice-chairman of the Ontario Hydro Commission. He expressed the opinion that Senator Meighen was not familiar with the details of the scheme.

"Senator Meighen does not realize that it will not be necessary to spend a large part of the sum involved until 1946, when we have expectations that the war will be over," he said. "The only sums which Canada will have to spend during the possible war years is \$22,500,000 for lands and rehabilitation in the International Rapids section. If the war is not over by 1946, then Canada's expenditure for navigation works in the St. Lawrence may be considered works of a purely defensive nature."

Mr. Houck pointed out that the Commission has been enabled to increase its water diversion at Niagara Falls by 5,000 cubic feet per second, equivalent to 65,000 horsepower. This was being used for essential war industry, he declared.

"While Ontario is at present meeting all essential power demands, there will be no surplus and no stand-by power in Southern Ontario this fall, even with daylight saving time in effect," said the vice-chairman.

"President Roosevelt considers the St. Lawrence an essential war measure, and, having in mind his announced policy of all-out aid to Britain, we should not quibble about our smaller payments for this project," he concluded.

## Grass on Queen Elizabeth Way Costs Province \$58,862.95

The cost of the landscape work along the Queen Elizabeth Way, between Toronto and Hamilton, was \$84,243.03, the Legislature was told yesterday in reply to a question by T. A. Murphy (Cons., Toronto Beaches).

Of this amount \$12,415.10 was for the purchase of trees, shrubs and rosebushes and \$12,964.98 for trucking and labor in connection with the planting of these trees and bushes. In addition it was stated that the total cost of sodding along that part of the Queen Elizabeth Way was \$58,862.95.

According to the answer to a question by W. B. Reynolds, (Cons., Leeds), there were sixty-nine rural power districts in the Province last year which reported surpluses, the total being \$275,438.75, the highest

since 1934. There were 115 districts which reported deficits, the total of \$201,767.63 was also the highest since 1934.

Further information regarding the advertisement "Let's Face the Facts," published by order of the Government shortly after the break up of the Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa, was provided as the result of a question by G. H. Doucett (Cons., Lanark). The cost of stereotyping the plates and mounting them was \$2,379.49, express charges totalled \$106.75 and \$88.83 was spent in telegraphing or telephoning instructions to newspapers regarding the insertion of the advertisement. All daily newspapers in the Province and almost all weeklies received the advertisement.

## Employees' Pensions Protected by Bill

Enlisting employees of municipal corporations or commissions, which have agreements with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, will have their interests in municipal insurance and pension schemes protected by a bill which was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. L. Houck, chairman of the commission. The commission already has power to enter into agreements with insurance companies providing pensions and insurance for employees of such municipal corporations or commissions as have agreements with the Provincial system. The amendment merely provides for the protection of those who enlist, preventing the lapse of their interest in either or both schemes.