

LIQUOR SALES NET INCOME UP

But Higher Taxes Cut
Gallonage by 169,422

REPORT IS TABLED

Profits of \$10,564,176 were made by the Ontario Liquor Control Board in the twelve months ending March 31, 1940, compared with profits of \$9,576,021 in the previous year, the report of the board tabled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday showed.

Payments to the Provincial Treasury were down from the \$11,000,000 turned over in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1939, to \$9,950,000 in the year reviewed by the report. The higher payment in 1939 was possible mainly because of a balance in the surplus account at the beginning of the period of \$879,333. This balance was only \$47,198 at the start of the 1940 period.

The report showed that the sale of hard liquor decreased, while beer and wine sales increased. Amount of hard liquor sold in the board's stores decreased by 169,442 gallons, while the amount of beer and wine sold in board stores increased by 40,089 gallons.

The amount of domestic beer sold by brewers in brewers' warehouses totalled 26,756,549 gallons in the period under review, compared with 24,141,817 in 1939, and the amount of domestic wine sold by wineries totalled 998,100 gallons, compared with 934,361.

'Scotsman Put Over Fast Deal' On Marshall, Legislature Told

Praise of Millhills Ransom, who in life won international fame as the "diamond-studded bull," was sung yesterday in the Legislature by W. J. Gardhouse (Lib., West York), who in his next breath heaped further opprobrium upon the little-lamented Clydesdale stallion Craigie Realization.

The bull, a Shorthorn, and the stallion were installed at the O.A.C. during the reign of Senator Duncan Marshall over the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Millhills died in the spring of 1938 and Craigie passed away early last summer. They were imported from Scotland

to improve breeding stock in Ontario.

Mr. Gardhouse said Millhills left "one of the finest herds of Shorthorns in the Province.

"But Craigie Realization is another matter. What should have been done with him when he arrived was to have sent him back by the first boat. It wasn't Senator Marshall's fault. The person who sent him out put over a fast deal. Craigie had good action and good feet and that is about all one could say for him, but the Scotsman who sent him out certainly killed his trade with Canadian breeders."

ASKS PROVINCE COLLECT FEES

Wants Horned Cattle
Levy Given Breeders

ADOPTED IN WEST

Collection by the Province of the \$1 per head fee now charged by meat packers on shippers of horned cattle, on the understanding that the fees be turned over to cattle breeders' associations for live stock improvement work, was advocated yesterday in the Legislature by W. J. Gardhouse (Lib., West York).

Mr. Gardhouse estimated that the packers now retained approximately \$80,000 per year in horn fees. The fees are deducted from the farmers to offset losses incurred from meat bruised by horns during shipment. Such legislation is in force in three Western Provinces, he said.

Agriculture Minister Dewan said legislation of this character has been considered, but that the department has found that breeders were far from unanimous. Mr. Gardhouse replied that the Cattle Breeders' Association, of which he is a director, approved of the proposal.

Mr. Gardhouse pressed also for additional Government aid in the fight against contagious abortion in cattle.

Decentralization of industry, a recommendation made earlier in the session by W. L. Miller (Lib., Algoma-Manitoulin) was advocated by C. O. Fairbanks (Lib., Lambton East). "Instead of a few active large centres, would it not be wiser to have many smaller prosperous areas where people could live healthy and normal lives?" he asked.

To alleviate the natural gas shortage in Western Ontario, caused from a falling off of production in one large field and a heavy demand from war industries, he recommended that corporation and income tax be deducted from new projects until capital, plus interest involved, is returned to the producer.

He also suggested the half-cent Mining Act tax on each 1,000 cubic feet of gas be withdrawn as an encouragement to prospecting for new wells.