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TOBACCO GROUP MAY BE AIDED

The Provincial Cabinet will consider the request of a co-operative tobacco company which seeks some financial assistance so that it can make an advance payment to the growers. This statement was made by Minister of Agriculture Dewan in the Legislature yesterday after Colonel Drew had asked for information.

"I understand," said Colonel Drew, "that there are 2,171,000 pounds of processed tobacco, owned by the Union Co-operative Tobacco Company stored at Tillsonburg, which cannot be sold because the company needs funds to make payments to the growers. My information is that representations were made to Ottawa, but they were given the cold shoulder by Gardiner. Later, they sought assistance here. I understand there are negotiations under way now which will be greatly facilitated if the Government can give some assistance."

The Minister stated he had not had time to go into the question thoroughly, but said the Cabinet would consider it within a few days. "At first I did not think we had the authority to make such an advance, but now I think we may be able to help them. We will do all that we can."

Beer License Care Is Urged

Before the orders of the day were called in the Legislature yesterday Colonel Drew, the Opposition Leader, reverted to the subject of a rather heated discussion which occurred during the consideration of the estimates for the Attorney-General's Department on Tuesday night. Colonel Drew drew the attention of the chairman of the Liquor Control Board to two press reports of deaths due to men being roughly handled in beverage rooms.

"These two reports were published two days apart last week," he said, "and surely they are sufficient grounds for the board seeing that only the proper type of men are given authorities to run hotels. The first report tells of the death of Oscar Salminen, following injuries received after spending some time in a hotel on Spadina Avenue in this city. The other tells of the conviction, on a charge of manslaughter, of a man named Turcotte in Sudbury, following the death of a school teacher named Hunter."