

# THRONE SPEECH GIVES SUMMARY OF WAR EFFORT

Legislative Program  
Forecasts Are Few at  
Queen's Park Opening

## ALTER LIQUOR ACT

Unusually bare in forecasts of a legislative program, the Speech from the Throne, delivered to the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Albert Matthews, Lieutenant-Governor, consisted largely of a summary of the Province's participation in the main war effort.

There was no surprise in the lack of references to legislative action, for Premier Hepburn in previous statements made it plain that there would not be any new taxation and that the overriding Federal wartime authority on legislation has drastically reduced the Province's role in that field.

Aside from previously forecast legislation, it was revealed that the Government intends to tighten regulations on beverage-room selling, particularly as it applies to minors, in an amendment to the Liquor Control Act. Probably the main point in the program remains the proposal of the Dominion Government to take over, for the duration of the war, the annual revenues from corporation and income taxes.

Amendments, indicated by the Ministry to be minor in character, are proposed for the Municipal, Highway Traffic, Workmen's Compensation, Mining and Judicature Acts.

### Change Pasteurization.

In the field of health, it is proposed to redefine pasteurization regulations to accommodate a new and quick method of making milk safe for consumption. Department officials state that, whereas milk was pasteurized by the application of 140-degree heat for thirty minutes, it now may be pasteurized by applying 161-degree heat for fifteen seconds. In confirmation of earlier forecasts, the Speech states that Health Minister H. J. Kirby will introduce a bill to require blood tests of couples before marriage. The measure is designed to further the department's war on social diseases.

In a single reference to postwar plans, it is stated that the Departments of Lands and Forests and Highways have formed programs to give employment. In laying stress upon the long-range program of the Forests branch, of which Hon. N. O. Hipel is Minister, the Speech said:

"The demand for the products of Ontario's forests continues unabated. The Province is supplying pulp for munitions, lumber for war industries and hardwood veneer for aircraft, not only for domestic use but for our American ally. The department is endeavoring to work out a plan for permanency in the sawlog industry. In both pulpwood and sawlogs, the endeavor is being made to place our forest areas under a managed cropping system. Each operation is being studied to assure systematic cropping of the forests and the protection and stabilization of existing mills before new mills are considered."

In Ontario's contribution to the Dominion-Provincial War Emergency Training program, it is stated that instruction is being given in thirty vocational schools, and in the year, June, 1940-July, 1941, more than 25,000 men and women, or 61 per cent of the Dominion total, received instruction. In addition, more than 6,000 members of the armed forces, or 34 per cent of the Dominion total, have received training, while at the Galt Aircraft School, founded by the Minister of Lands and Forests at the outbreak of war, the capacity has been expanded to accommodate more than 1,000 students.

### Aid to Farmers.

The Labor, Education and Agriculture Departments combined in forming and administering the Ontario Farm Service Force which last year placed 22,000 workers on farms.

Work of the Provincial Civilian Defense Committee under Attorney-General Conant and special wartime duties of the Provincial Police were surveyed. In discussion of the hog subsidy operations, which from May 5, 1941, up to Dec. 31 paid out \$664,045 on 126,553 applications, it is stated that the subsidy influenced farmers to market at correct weights. The cheese subsidy made it possible for farmers to produce the milk that made three times as much cheese in December as in the corresponding month of 1940.

In accordance with Provincial policy, and at the request of the Dominion Government, twelve Ontario-owned properties, valued at \$15,000,000, have been loaned since the outbreak to the Federal authorities for war uses.