

C.C.F. MEMBER CALLS FOR END OF TAG DAYS

Tag days conducted by charitable and welfare institutions should be abolished and proper and adequate provision for them should be made by Federal and Provincial Governments, George Mitchell (C.C.F., York North), declared in the Legislature yesterday. He spoke in the continuation of the Throne Speech debate.

"I feel that all tagging that is done for such cases as the blind, consumptives, orphans and other similar cases should be abolished," Mr. Mitchell said. "It seems inconceivable to me that in this enlightened age, and where so much lip service is given to the words democracy and freedom, that it should be necessary to beg for alms on street corners in order that our unfortunate citizens should have proper care."

Mr. Mitchell attacked what he described as the privileged corporation which, he declared, "may live forever." Financial institutions were reviewed from time to time, the Bank Act was revised every few years, and life insurance companies were subject to periodic inspection, the member said. But these favored corporations escaped attention until the exercise of some of these special prerogatives became notorious.

Several cases of this type of corporation had come to his attention, he asserted. The Toronto Burying Grounds and Upper Canada College were two cases in point, Mr. Mitchell said.

"In Toronto alone there are a number of bodies incorporated by private act," Mr. Mitchell continued. "It is my feeling that the time should come when the powers and privileges of such corporations should be reviewed and revised in the interest of the common good, and most cases abolished."

Toronto corporations in this category of special privilege included the Consumers' Gas Co., Massey Hall, National Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Mr. Mitchell said.

Farmers Are Individualists, 'Armchair Experts' Warned

Farm socialization proposals of the C.C.F. came in for criticism from William Murdoch, Essex South, Government Whip, during the Throne Speech debate in the Legislature yesterday. Agreeing with Agnes Macphail (C.C.F., York East) that socializing farm machinery "would be a sound practice as a war measure," Mr. Murdoch warned that Ontario farmers are individualists, and not to be run by "armchair experts."

"The Ontario farmer wants to farm his land the way he thinks best," he said. "And even if the honorable lady member for York East and the armchair critics who are assisting her have it all figured out that it is more economically sound to have his land farmed on

a co-operative plan, with co-operative machinery, the farmer still wants his own.

"If this system goes into effect," he declared, "the experts will run the farm, the farmer will do the work—and he will still be broke."

Meanwhile, he pointed out, "factories will be closed down, and the trades unionists will be out of work. All engaged in the manufacture of farm machinery will lose their purchasing power—and the cycle starts all over again. What a plan!"

National success, he believed, called first for the development of the individual, with a definite national goal toward which all could travel together for full development of the human and natural resources of the country.

Protests Queries In Legislature

Repeated questions directed to Hydro Commissioner G. H. Challies on second reading of the bill to remove or reduce rural Hydro service charges brought criticism in the Legislature yesterday from Aurelien Belanger (L., Prescott) that questions were out of order. He warned: "The whole procedure based on the long experience of the British Parliament through the years will be shattered if the practice continues. It is time it is stopped."

Speaker Stewart explained that he had allowed latitude to Flt. Lt. L. E. Wismer (C.C.F., Riverdale) and H. E. Brown (C.C.F., Welland) as new members of the House, but asked co-operation in future and few interruptions in accepted House procedure.

Mr. Belanger will continue the Throne Speech debate in the House today, followed by William Dennison (C.C.F., Toronto St. David), T. L. Hall (P.C., Halton), R. A. McEwing (L., Wellington North) and L. Hancock (C.C.F., Wellington South).