

## Oliver Denounces Stock Yards 'Filth,' Says Faith Broken

The Drew Government's pledge to wipe out manipulation and speculation in the West Toronto stock yards, to reduce costs to the farmers and generally to bring about proper practices, has not been kept, the Legislature was told yesterday by Farquhar Oliver (Lib., Grey South). Mr. Oliver was speaking in the Throne Speech debate.

The former Welfare Minister in the Hepburn Government charged that the stock yards are in the worst condition since their establishment, and that "indescribable filth" all winter and summer caused disease among cattle and caused farmers heavy financial loss. One of the pledges that induced farmers of Ontario to vote for the Progressive Conservative Party at the last election was the promise to take over the stock yards and to stop the manipulation and speculation which affected the welfare of the farmers, Mr. Oliver declared.

### Sees Detriment to Farmers

"You knew when you made the promise that you couldn't cut costs," said the member for Grey South. "You knew the Federal Government has complete authority over the cost of hay and straw and bedding and all the other items. Today farmers are selling their hay for \$12 and they pay \$36 for it at the stock yards. The commission charges today are just the same as they were before. When I said last year that the Government's stock yards undertaking wouldn't be worth a 5-cent piece to the farmers, I didn't think at the time it would be a detriment to them. But it has been."

Mr. Oliver expressed disappointment over the failure of the Agricultural Commission of Inquiry to deal with marketing problems and to bring in recommendations on marketing. He advocated the creation of a department of marketing to deal with distribution of agricultural products in the postwar period, and warned that England, as a trading nation, would have to buy where she sold, and that Canada could not expect to maintain her present volume of agricultural exports overseas. He predicted a "vicious" search for new markets in the postwar world.

### Foresees Battle for Markets

"We must streamline our marketing machinery to meet the impact of postwar conditions," Mr. Oliver said. "When this war is over nations like Denmark and Norway and Argentina will clear away the debris and prepare to sell in those markets they formerly sold to, and we in Ontario are in danger of finding ourselves overproduced."

Acting Minister of Agriculture George Doucett protested that the agricultural commission's report said that there was no thought of neglecting marketing and that while it was unable to deal with this field in the report it would submit a supplementary report later.

Mr. Oliver rapped the appointment of commissions and boards of Government, asserting that the Province must return to Ministerial responsibility without "buck passing."

## Advance \$8,808,000 On School Grants

The Ontario Government's advance payment of \$8,808,000, one-third of legislative grants to assist education, promised before March 31, went out from Queen's Park yesterday. Cheques were forwarded to all school boards, public and separate in Ontario.

Accompanying the cheques was this explanatory statement from Premier George A. Drew, who is also Minister of Education.

"The enclosed cheque is an advance payment of approximately one-third of the general legislative grant which your board will receive for the year 1945 under the new system of school grants introduced this year. The balance due for the current year will be forwarded to you on or before Sept. 1st next."

## Salsberg Urges Bill to Outlaw Race Prejudice

An appeal to all parties in the Ontario Legislature to unite in passing a non-partisan bill at this session outlawing racial and religious prejudice against workers seeking employment was made in the House last night by J. B. Salsberg (L.-P., Toronto-St. Andrew).

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, Mr. Salsberg cited arresting cases of jobs being refused to a returned man, a woman whose husband and daughter are serving, and a youth whose father is in the RCAF being refused employment because they were Jews.

When Selective Service sent the youth to a job, Mr. Salsberg said, he was told: "We do not employ Jews, and I told Selective Service not to send me any Jews." The returned man had been told by a bakery salesman, "it wouldn't promote the best interests of the company to employ Jewish salesmen." There had been no such distinction when the young man was serving in the armed forces.

The woman whose husband and daughter are in the forces "wasn't good enough to do a cleaning job at night because she was Jewish."

Mr. Salsberg appealed to the House to pass an act to stop such intolerance, an act similar to one passed in New York and other States.

### Desks Thumped

Concluding his appeal, which was received with desk-thumping on both sides of the House, Mr. Salsberg declared: "I want to pay a tribute to the Canadian daily press which shows an outstanding example of tolerance in treating all employees on a basis of merit and service rather than origin or religious leanings."

## Oliver Promises Reform Platform

Farquhar Oliver (Lib., Grey South) wound up his Throne Speech address in the Legislature with the statement that "in the contest that seems not too far ahead, the Liberal Party is going to get back on a platform of real reform." He said it was the intention of the electorate in 1943 to administer a "mild rebuke" to the Liberal Party, but instead the voters hit too hard and "the party they didn't want at all got the nod."

Mr. Oliver said that the Opposition groups last year took the stand that the Government was entitled to a chance to work out its pledges, and for that reason the Administration was given every opportunity.

"We have waited and we have seen," said Mr. Oliver. "There is no doubt in our minds now as to how we should proceed."

Earlier Mr. Salsberg was critical of remarks made about Communists and charged Premier Drew with "red baiting" and "developing a smear campaign." Labor Minister Daley's recent attack on the Labor-Progressive Party's House Leader was termed "a shameful display of the susceptibility of the Tory mind to the reaction of fascist propaganda."

"Communism," went on Mr. Salsberg, "so what?"

"I'll bite, so what?" cut in Liquor Control Commissioner Webster. So he told him.

### Fought in Spain

"Communism," declared Mr. Salsberg, "means the thousands of Canadians who went to fight against Franco and the Fascists in Spain. It means the Communists also fought the Germans."

W. L. Miller (Lib., Algoma-Manitowlin) read from an editorial in the Winnipeg Free Press which blamed Premier Drew for the fact that no Dominion-Provincial conference has taken place.

"Since this fairy tale," began the Premier, rising from his seat.

"I have the floor, Mr. Speaker," said Mr. Miller.

There was a brief exchange.

"There is not a single word of truth in the publication," said the Premier.

"I have a resolution on the order paper asking for the tabling of all correspondence in connection with this matter," replied Mr. Miller. "Perhaps we will know more when it is tabled."

### Request Granted

Without an instant's hesitation, the Premier picked up a bulky file from his desk, handed it to a page boy and directed it be laid on the table. "There it is," said Mr. Drew. "It's on the table now." substitute for it? The C.C.F. policy with regard to the mining industry, asserting that the people of Northern Ontario were beginning to look with doubt upon the C.C.F. program of socialization of mines. If the profit incentive were removed, he asked what would the C.C.F. substitute for it? The e.C.C.F. policy as applied to the mining industry was an "utter fallacy," he charged.