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PROGRESSIVES ASK POINTED QUESTIONS

Query Government Following Passing of Homuth Resolu- tion of Friday

As further protests, seemingly, to the Legislature's action in calling on the Dominion Government to reduce the revenue it collects on malt and spirituous liquors, Progressive members of the House are asking the Ministry for reasons for its support of the Homuth resolution that embodied the appeal to Ottawa.

"Was the Government influenced in its support of the resolution," asks W. G. Medd (Huron South) "by the consideration that this (Ontario) Government itself desires and expects to collect a large revenue from the same source?"

Hon. W. E. Raney, group leader, asks: "On what occasion or occasions prior to the adoption of the resolution of Friday, the eleventh inst., expressing the views of this Legislature on the subject of the Dominion excise tax on malt and spirituous liquors, has this House offered the Dominion Government the benefit of its advice on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada? Has the Parliament of Canada ever offered advice to this Legislature? If so, when, and in what matter or matters?"

R. H. Kemp (Lincoln) wants to know what amount of revenue was received from the tax on native wine under the luxury tax for the years 1925 and 1926. He also asks how many gallons of such wine were purchased during these years for Government dispensaries, from whom purchased, and how much tax on same, if any, has been collected.

Levy on Professional Sport Will Aid Amateur Athletes

By means of a bill which Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey introduced for first reading in the Legislature yesterday, the Government seeks to obtain from professional sport in Ontario sufficient revenue with which to develop promising athletes of amateur standing.

The proposition of the Government is to tax professional baseball, football, lacrosse and hockey, together with boxing and wrestling, in order to provide a fund which shall be used for the advancement of amateur sport. The impost is to be 2 per cent. of the proceeds of the professional meets.

The Government, for some time

past, has taxed boxing to the extent of 5 per cent. of receipts, and the fund created has been used with much success among the young athletes of the Province.

The Government now intends to extend this work through the Athletic Commission. With this in view the levy is being made a general 2 per cent. on all professional sports.

The Athletic Commission of Ontario is one of the organizations that gave aid to George Young in different stages of his career, paying his expenses to the championship meet in Montreal, and again to international contests in New York.

Appalling Raids on Larder Made by Ontario's Visitors

Russell Nesbitt, Conservative member for Toronto-Bracondale, furnished the Ontario Legislature yesterday with the interesting information that the total food consumption by visitors to the Province in 1926 equalled the amount consumed by the entire Province in seven and one-half meals.

Basing his information on figures supplied by customs and immigration officials at Ottawa and on estimates from the Ontario Tourist Association and the Publicity Department of the Ontario Government, Mr. Nesbitt showed that the tourist trade last year had consumed 384 tons of butter, 56,871 gross of eggs, 1,230,-

683 gallons of milk, 126,491 bags of potatoes, and in the way of meat, 350 calves, 3,661 cattle, 13,072 sheep, 13,556 lambs and 2,459 hogs. On the estimate of one-quarter of a loaf per day, the same tourist trade consumed 2,047,366 loaves of bread, not to speak of fowls, vegetables, grain for cereals, and domestic fruits. All figures were based, Mr. Nesbitt said, on the lowest possible individual consumption.

According to Mr. Nesbitt, 5,583,326 people visited Ontario by automobile and 1,850,090 by train and steamship. The value of their visits to the Province he placed at \$57,906,816