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INSULIN DISTRIBUTION EXPLAINED IN HOUSE

Minister of Health Says Physi- cian's Certificate Guar- antees Free Supply

Free insulin was the subject of further discussion in the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Minister of Health, protested a statement made the previous day by Dr. G. A. McQuibban (Liberal, Northeast Wellington), to the effect that a diabetic patient had to be "poverty-stricken" before he was entitled to free insulin from the department.

Dr. Godfrey explained that all that was required was a certificate from a physician to show that the patient involved was not able to pay for his supply. The insulin, then, would be forthcoming.

"What is the difference between 'poverty-stricken' and being unable to pay?" interjected Liberal Leader Sinclair.

"It's only a nicer way we have of putting it," replied Dr. Godfrey, who went on to say that 44,700 units of insulin had been distributed in the Riding of Northeast Wellington last year, at a cost of \$215 to the Government.

FERGUSON DECLARES FOR TAX REDUCTION

Defends Income Tax Cut When Visited by Muni- cipal Men

That the Government was prepared to go through with its plan to relieve the low-salaried man of municipal taxation was the statement made yesterday by Premier Ferguson to a deputation from the Ontario Municipal Association.

"What we are trying to do," said Mr. Ferguson, "is to relieve those least able to pay taxes, and if you can show me any better way of doing it I'm ready to listen. As a Government we are not infallible. If I am not doing this right I want you who are experts to tell me how to do it, because I'm going to do it. I'm going to relieve the poorer people of taxation, some way or other."

Assessment Commissioner Forman of Toronto advised the Premier that he would present Toronto's objections to the proposed income tax reductions in a few days. As a whole, the deputation suggested the appointment of a Provincial Inspector of Assessments.