

Sidelights On The Legislature

Toronto, April 18.

While the first session of the 16th Legislature has come to an end, various new activities in the public interest have been initiated, which, with the usual functions of Government, will be a source of interest and profit during the recess. The House personnel of the new special committee to investigate agricultural conditions; a highways advisory board is being appointed by the Governor-in-Council with a view to assisting the minister, and there is to be an editorial committee to exercise a restraining hand on the somewhat voluminous output of official publications throughout the year. Even in the matter of the important affairs into which the public accounts committee has been delving, it is pointed out by Premier Ferguson that the Government is continuing investigations by a large staff of auditors—a staff which is to be increased in various departments, and no effort will be spared to detect and punish irregularities.

Hon. Dr. Jamieson, the genial member for South Grey, and former Speaker of the House, is chairman of the agricultural inquiry committee, and proposes to get the new body at work after Easter. The committee naturally includes Nelson Frothingham, member for South Huron, a rural riding; the chairman of the House agricultural committee and a practical farmer, W. D. Black, of Aldington, William Keith, of North York, and A. T. Thompson, of Lanark, are all experienced men and members of high standing in the House, though the two latter are in their first term. Western Ontario is further represented by G. J. Lettbridge, west Middlesex, who is a keen student of matters affecting agriculture, and by M. M. MacBride, of Brantford, whose executive ability will be of highest value to the committee. All phases of production are to be studied, with a view to advising the Government in preparation of improved methods, and it is likely some members of the committee will visit Great West dairies, and Denmark to study dairying methods. In any event, Hon. Mr. Martin is to go over some time this summer and see what the Danes are doing that gives them such an edge on the British market in bacon and dairy products.

Formal prorogation on Thursday brought to an end one of the busiest and most important sessions in the history of the province. Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, as acting lieutenant-governor, gave assent on behalf of his majesty to 465 measures, many of them of far-reaching interest and importance, and the legislators on Thursday scattered to their constituencies. When they next return there

as the complications increased. Anyone who looks into the matter will find that virtually all the evidence brought before the committee, upon whatsoever phase of enquiry, was marshaled by Col. Price, with assistance of other Government members, yet the Toronto Liberal organ has had the characteristic effrontery to publish ponderous editorials advising the Government to "bring out all the facts." Ministers might have been pardoned for bitter comment thereon, but the prime minister and Col. Price contented themselves by public statements that all evidence would be welcomed; that it was the intention of the administration to leave no stone unturned in effort to get to the bottom of all irregularities, and, finally, that there was no thought of protection in any form for anyone, whether connected with the Drury administration or the previous Conservative regime.

Premier Ferguson made the sole qualification that it was not his desire to invoke criminal prosecution should there be cases of minor officials on meagre salary, and supporting families, who might have fallen into some petty irregularity in connection with the service. Directly allied with the policy of economy which the Government, even before the session, drastically and vigorously applied, has been vindication of hydro and Sir Adam Beck by the Gregory report; exposure of the Drury-Bowman bungling of natural resources administration in New Ontario, one incident being an attempt to force a settlement at \$28,000 of an account against a lumbering firm which originally stood at over two million dollars. Hon. James Lyons has announced savings of \$1,500,000 in the lands and forests department, and every branch in all departments is being gone over, audited and in some cases reorganised with the same object in view. The printing committee, under the firm hand of Col. J. A. Currie, has already pruned the output of bluebooks to an extent which will probably mean thousands of dollars of public money saved in a year, with inconvenience to no one.

Hydro legislation included bills amalgamating the four Western Ontario systems under the name of the Georgian Bay system; merging the Ontario power and electric development companies under the hydro commission; providing a 50 per cent. bonus to construction of rural power lines, secondary as well as primary, while the Government also shifted to the commission the responsibility of providing the salaries of the three commissioners. Other legislation which may be mentioned in the enabling bill passed to permit a vote on the Temperance Act at a date not fixed; an important measure providing for better care of immigrant children, and another establishing a boys' school at Bowmanville for delinquent minors. The annual consolidation of amend-

ments to the Assessment Act, Municipal Act and Education Act, Premier Ferguson has provided for a new basis of apportioning public and separate school grants, by which consideration will be given to the amount of population of the section concerned, and items of that kind, instead of merely the teacher's certificate, as in the past. Hon. Mr. Nickle's Sale of Securities Act, though not controversial, as was Mr. Raney's proposed "blue sky" law, provided for protection of the public respecting securities being placed on the market; all prospectuses must be submitted to the department, but there is no commissioner of securities, as was proposed last year. The attorney-general also put through an amendment to the Judicature Act, which

has brought on a battle with the federal authorities. The Ontario Government holds that it has power to designate the chief justice and generally organise the appellate division of the Supreme Court, members of which are appointed from Ottawa, and Hon. Ernest Lapointe proposes to challenge this interpretation. One effect of the legislation, the prime minister explained, will be to release two judges from service throughout the province, where circuit work has at times been disposed of with undue haste.

on Thursday last by Wilfred McBride was no exception. The egg was a miniature egg about the size of a marble, the interior of which was a golden color, or the yolk. On Tuesday morning Wm. Foster of Honeywood brought in a hen's egg of unusual proportions. It was laid by a Plymouth Rock hen and measured 8 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches and weighed 4 1/2 ounces.

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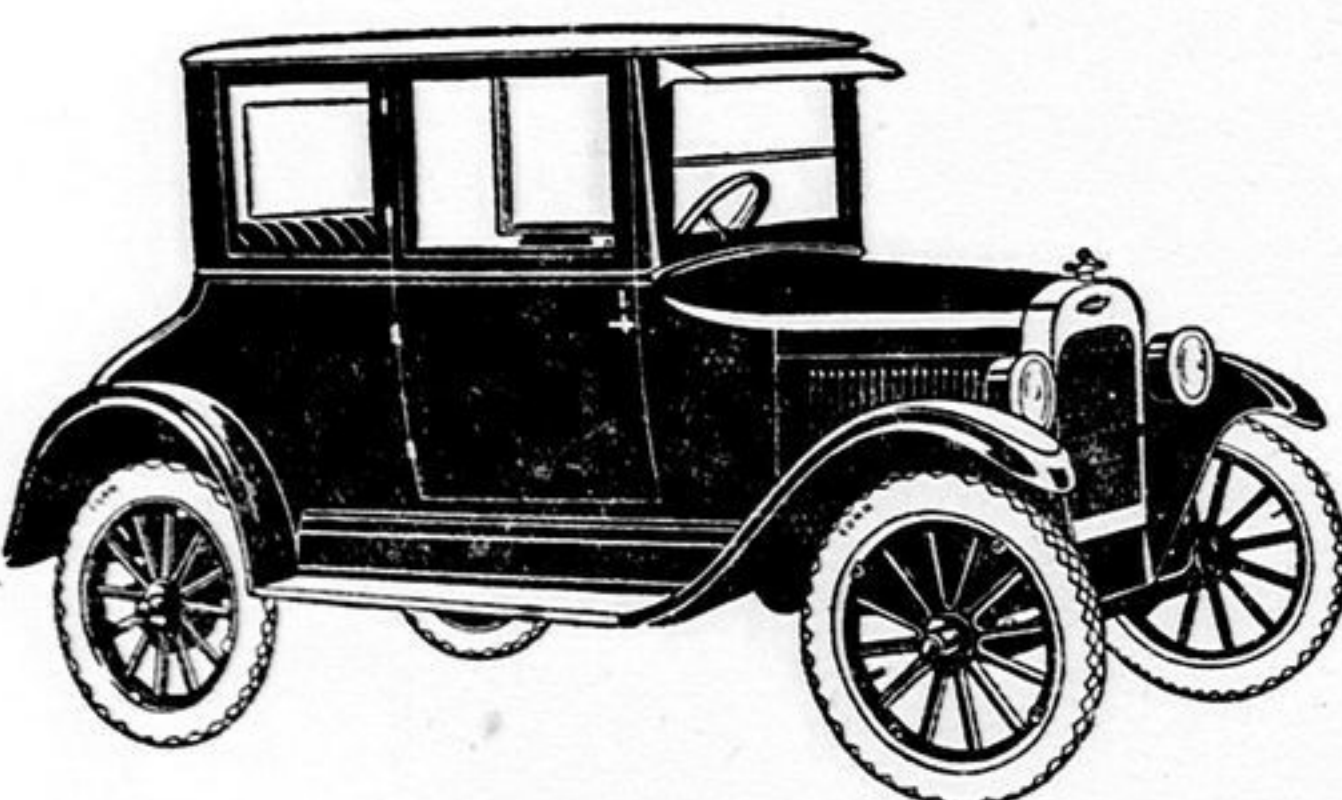
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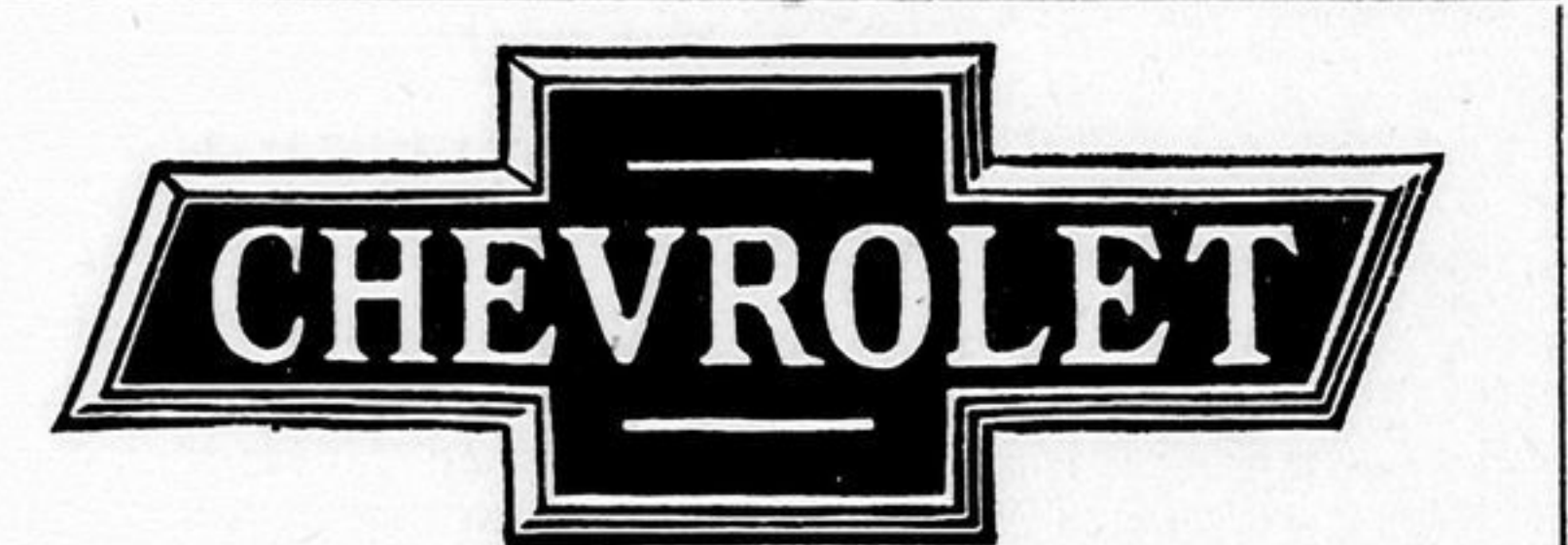
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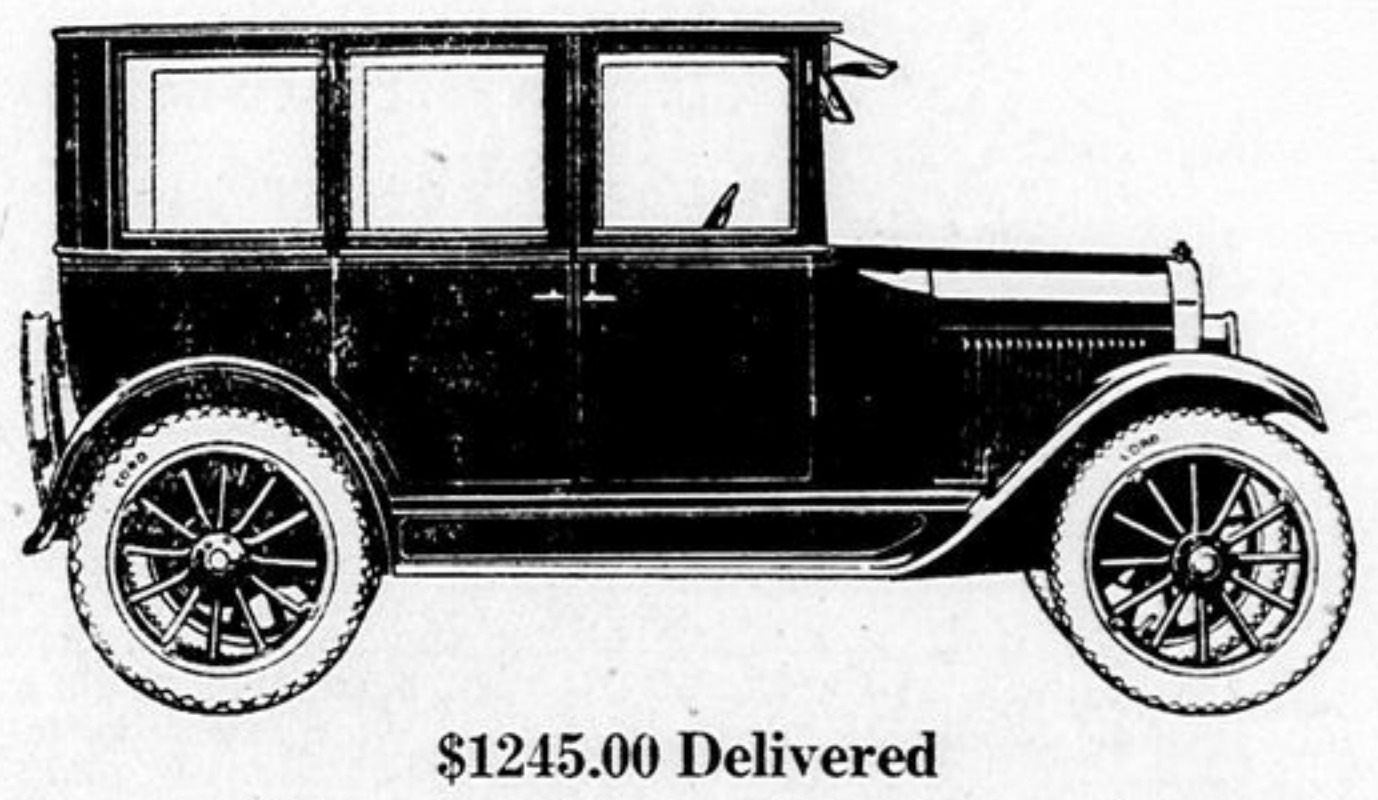
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