

**WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE LEGISLATURE**

Administration of the Ferguson Government is meeting with approval in all quarters of the Legislature. Speaking in the debate on the budget, Hon. Harry Nixon, former Provincial Secretary for the Drury Government, expressed his approval of the business-like administration of the government. "Partyism never meant a great deal to me" stated Hon. Mr. Nixon, "and if this government gives the province economic and honest administration and legislation I would not care how long they stay in office. I can assure this government that this group will render every assistance possible by our constructive suggestions."

With the view of again giving the public an opportunity to read and discuss the measure, Premier Ferguson has again introduced the Township School Board Bill in the Legislature. At three previous sessions it was introduced, discussed and withdrawn in deference to opposition, which arose in some quarters, and to permit further study of its measures. This time, Premier Ferguson announces, the bill will be presented for enactment but it is proposed that it will not be proclaimed until everyone has had an opportunity to become familiar with its provisions.

Statements made by members of the Opposition during the course of their remarks in the Legislature insofar as the Liquor Control Act is concerned have been subjected to thorough repudiation in the House during the past week. Recent remarks by P. W. Pearson, Liberal member for North York, alleging an increase in drunkenness in Northern Ontario as a result of the operations of the L. C. A. were vigorously denied by Attorney-General Price through the medium of the Crown Attorney of Sudbury.

In a letter to the Attorney-General, Crown-Attorney McKesock states that drunkenness has decreased under the new law and states "the fact that men are now able to get liquor at the stores seems to have made most of them determined to give the law their moral support."

Statement of T. J. Slack, Progressive member for Dufferin, that two or three truckloads of bootleg liquor were distributed in Shelburne every night also brought prompt denial from the police authorities. In a letter to the Attorney-General the police state that thorough enquiries fail to substantiate the charge. Officers of the Court and the Reeve of Shelburne also add their denials to Mr. Slack's statement.

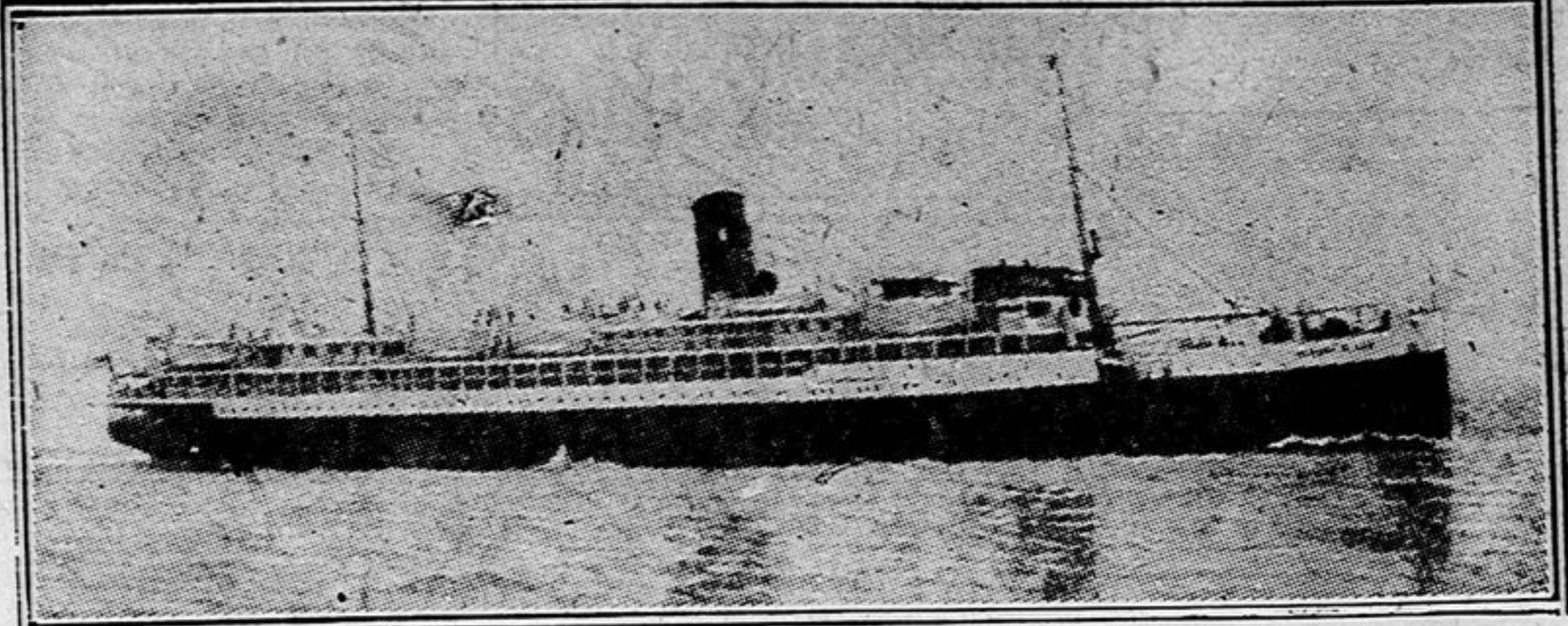
Following representations made to the Department of Game and Fisheries and the Legislative Committee, the government will again adopt the shorter season for the hunting of deer in the province. Last year the season was lengthened from 15 to 30 days, but it has been decided to again confine the open season to practically the same dates as before.

Addressing the Fish and Game committee of the Legislature, Hon. Charles McCrae stated that the government was not favorably disposed to increasing the bounty on wolves. While it was realized that immediate steps should be taken to wipe out the wolf as far as possible, an increased bounty was not considered a necessary adjunct. He pointed out that at present more pelts were being received with a \$15 bounty than there was in 1924 when the bounty was \$40. Hon. Mr. McCrae felt that the bounty could not be raised without running the danger of having wolves turned in that had never roamed through Ontario. At the present time the bounty was the same as Quebec.

An intensive study of the wolf situation, as it bears on the raising of farm stock and the protection of game, is to be undertaken by the Government.

Vigorous endorsement of the Ontario Government's course in connection with the Old Age Pensions plan was given the House by K. K. Homuth (Waterloo), who for many years has been actively identified with the labor movement. Mr. Homuth stated that the government of Ontario realized the tremendous debt that was owing to the aged people of the Province and that the matter was receiving the careful attention of the government.

He charged that the Dominion government was trying to throw the responsibility upon the province and was, at the same time, indulging in a political by-play. The Dominion government, he said, had studied the question for many years before they introduced legislation and then in the hope that it would be defeated by the Senate. The Ontario Government, he said, did not intend to be rushed into the matter but wanted to study the situation for a year. He pointed out that the establishment of the scheme would be a vast drain on the resources of the Province, and that adequate provision would have



Mountainous waves piling against the grounded Robert E. Lee in Massachusetts Bay, a few miles from Plymouth Rock, the landing place of the Pilgrims, are believed to have claimed the life of one of the intrepid rescuers from an open surf boat, and a second is dying at the Monomont Point coastguard station, following his rescue with seven others of the crew. Here is seen the Robert E. Lee.

to be made for the finding of the monies needed.

Commenting editorially on the Ontario Budget, the Chronicle-Telegraph of Quebec says: "The financial position of Ontario seems to be sound with the brightest prospects for the future and the Ferguson government has every reason to be satisfied with its record."

Premier Ferguson has announced to the Legislature that the government will not countenance the taxation of buildings and land of municipal public utilities. Two bills introduced with this step in view, on behalf of the City of Toronto, were withdrawn in the face of the Premier's announcement. One of the bills was for the purpose of eliminating buildings used by public utilities operated by municipalities from exemption, while the other provided for the establishment of taxation on land so occupied. Premier Ferguson stated that the bills could only result in increased power costs and stated that the government would not be prepared to give the measures any support.

After a comprehensive survey of the situation the government has introduced in the Legislature a measure to check the selling of fraudulent stocks in Ontario. The legislation provides for the registration of brokers and salesmen, and gives the Attorney-General wide powers to institute investigation into any security placed on the market. All persons who sell securities, whether acting as officials or salesmen, are included in the Act subject to certain specific exemptions.

Clauses in the Bill defining fraud and fraudulent action are very comprehensive, including generally any course of conduct or business which is calculated to put forward with intent to deceive the public or the purchasers of any security as to the nature of any transaction or as to the value of such security."

The measure was drawn from the experience gained in the various laws in operation in the United States, as well as those in operation in Western Canada. Under the proposed law every broker must file a bond of \$500 with the government. This action was taken to give the Attorney-General's Department an opportunity of controlling the assets of a defunct broker who has defrauded the public. The government may also demand substantial bond to cover cases where doubt as to the legality of the business is in the mind of the government.

Among the exemptions to the Act for which registration is not necessary are the following: judicial sales; sale by pledges for debt; distribution of stock dividends; transactions where one party is a public official, or a bank, loan, insurance or trust company, or is registered; exchange on stock or merger; prospectors' grub-stake; trustees securities; secured bonds or notes, negotiable paper; securities based on conditional sales; shares of educational, benevolent, fraternal or recreational bodies where there is no pecuniary profit.

With a view to increasing the scope of the legislation the government has introduced an amendment

to the Workmen's Compensation Act. The amendment provides for the payment of compensation in whole or in part to the wives or dependents of workmen, who, while entitled to the remuneration, have either left the country or have separated from their families. Provisions of the legislation apply to cases where the family or dependents are without adequate means of support and likely to become a charge on the municipality. In such cases the Board may divert such compensation in whole or in part to the benefit of the dependents.

Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, has presented to the House a bill to amend the Weed Control Act, which requires road inspectors to see that weed cutting along the roads is carried out. Provision is made that highway grants shall not be paid in the event of the work not being done.

Reports presented to the Legislature indicate that during the past year the Department of Public Health has distributed free 11,496,200 units of insulin valued at \$47,477. Free biological products dispensed by the government for the same period were valued at \$152,043. A decrease in the number of deaths from tuberculosis is also shown. Total number of cases reported was 1,534 with 732 deaths being reported. Figures for the previous year show that there were 1,660 cases and 821 deaths.



Witness: "Must I take oath? I don't believe in God." Judge: "It doesn't matter so long as you believe in jail!"—Kasper, Stockholm.

**Just Three Things**

If your nose is close to the grindstone, rough, And you hold it down there long enough, In time you'll say there's no such things As brooks that babble and birds that sing. These three things will your world compose Just you, the stone and your darned old nose.

If you want to know how time flies, wait a minute while your wife is dressing.

**OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS**

**Importation of Butter Opposed**  
The Canadian dairymen and the Australia dairymen are both anxious to prevent the importation of New Zealand butter into their respective countries, for they wish to have the local markets to themselves. It is difficult to see how New Zealand can take umbrage at the attitude adopted by the Canadian and Australian dairymen, for the New Zealand Government has practically prohibited the importation of wheat and flour into New Zealand, and this affects Australia in particular. Leading British statesmen are pleading for co-operation within the British Empire, and the Dominions are setting up trade barriers. Trade is suffering too many and too high trade barriers, yet each country's own trade would be helped by lowering its own trade barriers, and these barriers are threatening the living standards. If Australia and Canada do decide to keep out New Zealand by high customs duties we cannot reasonably complain, for we are doing something similar in respect to other products. Yet both of these our sister-Dominions, should recognize that they export to us considerably more than we sell to them.—New Zealand Free Lunch.

**"No Man Liveth To Himself"**  
Young people are growing up around us constantly. Every year brings a new lot up from childhood and adolescence toward the responsible period of life. Their conduct on the street is often an indication of the characters they are forming. Sometimes young people get the mistaken idea that their conduct is their own business; that it does not matter to anyone but themselves what path they follow. The truth, however, is that it matters to everyone. The choice of good or evil will have an effect not only upon their own families, friends and neighbors, but upon hundreds of those whose faces are not familiar and whose names are unknown to them. Whatever young people make of their lives means blessing or bane for countless other lives.

**A Sermon on Town Loyalty**  
No citizen is so powerful, none so humble, but what his town is an aid to him in some way or other. There is where he employs his labor or his capital, builds his home, enjoys the society of his kind and finds everything that makes life worth living. Failing to find these things he goes in search of them elsewhere. If he remains it is natural to suppose he has found that which he sought.

Since your town boosts you why not do as well by it as it does by you? To progress it needs the help of every citizen, and every citizen benefits individually from every community improvement, whether

that improvement takes the form of public works, population growth, increased prosperity or business development. No community is so miserable and unattractive that it has not its boosters and none so perfect that it has not its knockers, but that city or town achieves most in civic betterment which has the most boosters. There are boosters and many of them in Teeswater and Culross. They and their forerunners have made it the fine community it is and are making it the better community all want it to be in the future. But there are two reasons why every citizen should be a civic worker and booster. First, it is unfair to place the whole burden upon the few and, second, every citizen owes it to himself and his fellow citizens to do everything within his power to make the community better that it may the better serve all.

However, one should not make the mistake of confining his boosting to talking about the virtues of his home town. Direct advertising pays, but the kind of boosting that pays the highest dividends is sober and persevering endeavor of the kind that builds and beautifies the community.—Teeswater News.

**SUITABILITY OF RED CLOVER**

Few seem to realize that a large percentage of the losses due to winter-killing of red clover seedlings can be and to a certain extent are being controlled by the selection of seed, the resulting crop of which is sufficiently hardy to withstand the climatic conditions in a given region. Climatic conditions cannot be changed so we must choose strains which are best suited to our conditions. Data from experiments carried on at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Napan, N. S., show that there is a great difference in the winter hardiness of crops grown from seed produced under widely varying climatic conditions. Seed has been sown which was grown in France, Italy, Sicily, Sweden and Canada and of these only that of Swedish and Canadian origin was suitable for our conditions. In 1923 eleven lots of Swedish and Canadian origin produced an average yield of 3 tons and 18

pounds of cured hay per acre, while from French and Italian lots the yield was only 1 ton and 1833 pounds per acre. In 1927 the difference was even more marked with 9 Swedish and Canadian lots yielding an average of 3 tons and 258 pounds of cured hay per acre and five lots from Italy and Sicily averaging only 1962 pounds per acre. During the winter of 1922-23 the ground was well covered with snow and there was very little freezing and thawing which will account for the fairly good showing of the less hardy lots. The winter of 1926-27 was much less favorable and the less hardy lots were unable to withstand the winter. It should not be inferred that all imported red clover seed is non-hardy but from the results at this farm practically all of the Italian and a very large percentage of the French seed would be condemned because of lack of hardiness in the resulting crop. Seed from Swedish sources, other parts of Canada and Northern United States seems to produce a crop sufficiently hardy for normal years in the Maritime Provinces. Clean, plump seed, however, offers the best chance of securing a perfect stand.

**Have Long Lives**

The animal which has the longest life is the whale. Unless it is harpooned it usually lives at least 600 years, and it is nothing for one to celebrate its thousandth birthday. The tortoise and turtle can also boast a very long existence; the former rarely dies before it is aged 350 years, and the latter will often attain the age of 300. This is also the life span of the crocodile. In its native haunts the eagle will often live to be 200 years old.



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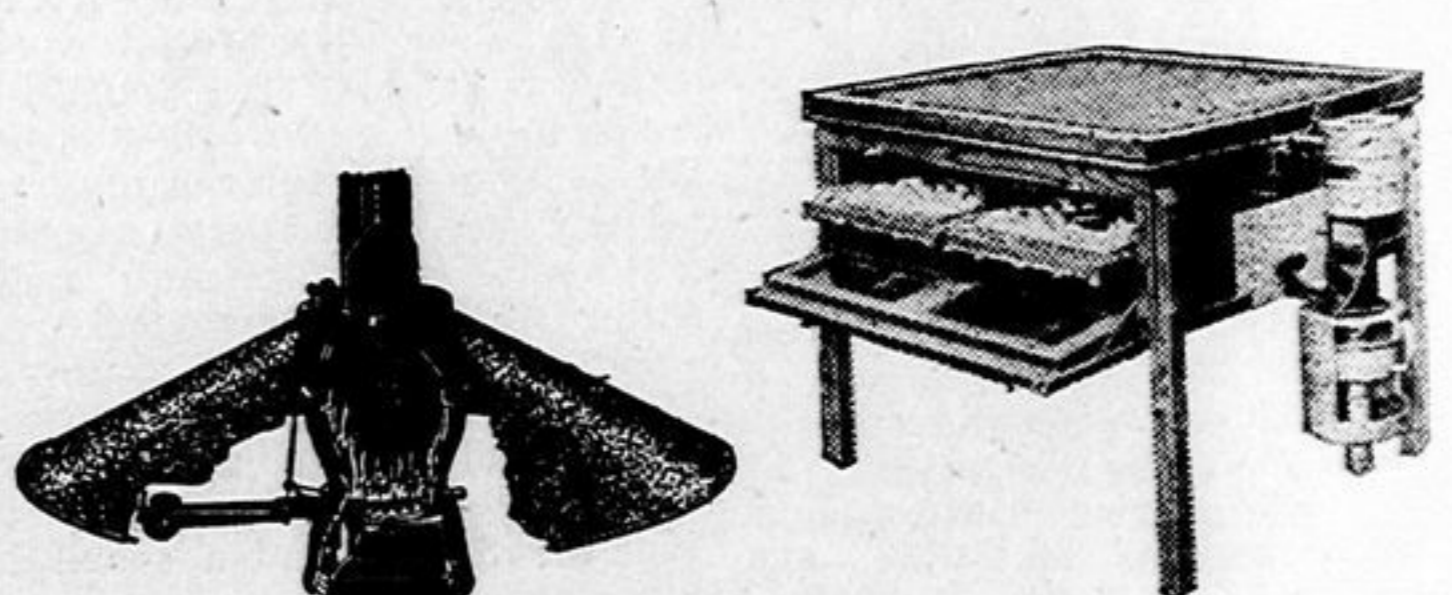
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