

Last Week in the Legislature

TORONTO, April 7.—Eleventh week of the session closes without definite indication of when this Legislature will conclude its labors. During the week several Government measures were introduced and there are one or two more to come, the premier informed the House when questioned by Hon. Howard Ferguson, though he declined to particularize. The long-discussed Agricultural Development Act and "blue sky" bill at last got second reading. The former has been much amended since originally printed and Mr. Raney has promised changes in the other. Few Government measures, if any, do slide by without paying up—a penalty of the group system. They are framed from the standpoint of the Farmer group, with an eye to the demands of the Labor wing, and the Opposition usually managed to impress its views later on. Estimates are yet to come, as well as a long list of important public measures and Government bills in various stages, and some highly interesting resolutions such as Karl Homuth's on sale of beer and light wines. "At the rate of progress this afternoon," Premier Drury said on Thursday, "we will be here until Christmas—but not long enough to draw a sessional bonus."

Capt. J. C. Ramsden (Liberal, Toronto S.W.), W. D. Black (Conservative, Addington) and T. F. Stack (U. F.O., Dufferin) held forth on Tuesday in the budget debate. On Wednesday J. R. Cooke (N. Hastings) had the stage to himself and delivered a very meaty address on education and other issues. Hon. George S. Hendry enlightened the House on Thursday in a three-hour address devoted chiefly to agriculture, stressing the fact that the present Government found a first-class, highly-organized department functioning and had not so far evolved anything startling in new methods to aid the industry. Mr. Henry was minister of agriculture previous to Mr. Doherty, and ought to know. He said:

"We came in here in 1919, took our seats to the left of Mr. Speaker and we knew that 50 odd men had been sent to the Legislature with a mission to right the intolerable conditions in which agriculture had fallen, due to the former administrations, and I have waited from that time to this to find the move that would be made, and now we are about to pass out and many members have stood up and made their valiant addresses and we have not had a word from them as to where our neglect was, what line of agricultural industry had been neglected, what avenue of development had not been opened up or was not in process of opening. Let us have the item, from the minister or any other member, who were so eloquent, coming in as crusaders of the farms, coming to their own at last. It did not take them many months to realize they had a highly organized department, carrying on efficiently, studying conditions, following out that which had proved successful elsewhere."

Hon. Mr. Henry, who has always been sympathetic toward the principle of the short-term Government loan to farmers, fought to the last against certain features of the amended Agricultural Development Act which deals with long-term loans. The measure got through committee stage this week and now permits loans up to 50 per cent. of valuation. The agricultural committee of the Legislature recently recommended 65 per cent., but the minister did not see fit to embody that in his bill. A new clause in the bill which created much discussion permits loans for "any other productive purpose...". Hon. Howard Ferguson declared the Government might as well wipe out all the restrictive clauses and leave it wide open, and even some members on the Government side admitted that the new clause means just that. However, it has gone through and Mr. Henry thinks the loan companies will be very glad to have all the doubtful propositions go to the Government organization.

J. R. Cooke in his address on the budget, was much impressed by the haphazard way in which the province, in contrast to methods of any private corporation, selects the men who are to make laws and administer affairs involving millions of dollars. With the private corporation nothing is left undone to select men of ability for posts of responsibility. Yet the people of Ontario in 1919, Mr. Cooke said, went out into the fields and woods and factories and selected an administration which, whatever its intellectual capacity, was absolutely inexperienced. He might have added that experienced men on the Opposition benches have done much in these four sessions to

prevent costly mistakes. In reference to the financial aspect of the situation he recalled that the Drury Government on coming into office found a debt of \$97,000,000, accumulated during 52 years of administration by the old parties. After three years of Drury rule the debt is \$240,000,000, and municipal debt, increased by leaps and bounds, is now \$300,000,000. "This record of extravagance, inefficiency, and incompetence," Mr. Cooke said, "is conclusive evidence that training and knowledge and experience are of value in conducting public affairs, just as well as in the ordinary commercial affairs of this country. I question if there is another Parliament in the whole world in which you can find a similar situation to the one that we see before us here to-night."

Trifling errors of judgment in procedure seem to get this Government into a lot of trouble. If Premier Drury had only seen fit to attend when Hon. Mr. Raney received the "elective police commissions" delegation last week he would have been able to say that he was familiar with the argument and had come to a decision accordingly. As it was, he was in the position of declining publicly in the House this week to even receive a delegation from the interested municipalities. There has been no record of Cabinet unity this session, which required him to accept Mr. Raney's adverse verdict merely because it was the finding of a colleague. However, he did so, and laid himself open to a charge of grave discourtesy, which was promptly made by M. M. MacBride, Brantford.

Indeed, it is curious how many little things the Government ignores which would aid in eliminating criticism from across the aisle. On Friday afternoon the ministers decreased by half a dozen or so the long list of questions by members on the order paper. Several of the answers were long or contained many figures and the ministers desired to table them without reading them out. R. R. Hall, Parry Sound, was interested in one such and asked that it be read. "You'll get it in the printed Votes and Proceedings," he was informed. Of course, members go home on Friday and that meant that he could get the information the following week. He protested and the answer was read. But how simple it would be to follow the Ottawa practice and make carbon copies of the typewritten answers, one for the member concerned and one for the press gallery.

According to an estimate by Major Alex. Lewis at Stratford, the Government has sponsored only 19 out of 300 bills which passed the House in three years. If this session lasts long enough the Government will decrease the proportion by undoing some of its work. Charles Swayze (Lahor, Niagara Falls) has a bill to repeal the Natural Gas Conservation Act of 1921 and 1922 and wipe out all the machinery provided in the way of a board of referees, putting the municipalities back on their former contractual basis. Karl Homuth proposes to put a crimp in the O. T. A. Under this Government gill-net fishing limit on Lake Erie was placed at 10 miles. The other day the fish and game committee heard a deputation and agreed to reduce the limit to five. Lake Erie Fishermen's Association later protested vigorously, and, under fire from both sides, the committee decided to let a commission investigate and report.

Government speakers have been remarkably canny as a rule in avoiding election forecasts, but Conservatives, on the other hand, are frequently heard predicting, with every appearance of confidence, not only that Mr. Drury is about through with his occupancy of the seat immediately to the right of Mr. Speaker, but that Hon. Howard Ferguson will use that particular chair next session. W. D. Black of Addington, this week volunteered such a statement. "As I hear it throughout the country from all classes," he said, "I want to tell you it is a foregone conclusion—you hear it from the Liberals, Farmers and Conservatives—people have had a trial of this administration and are bitterly disappointed. The conclusion is that they are going back to the sane government which they had prior to this one coming into power."

Commenting on the fact that an Arkansas woman has cremated her third husband, the St. Thomas Times Journal reflects on the injustice of the situation by remarking that it is unfair that some should be old maids while others have husbands to burn.

Problems of the Farm

Contributed by Grey County Department of Agriculture

Egg Marketing.

Farmers in the vicinity of Markdale have become intensely interested in an improved system of egg marketing. On several occasions the Grey County Branch of the Department of Agriculture have been requested for information on the subject. In compliance with this request Mr. T. A. Benson, egg marketing expert, Poultry Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, was brought to address the farmers on the subject, Co-operative Egg-Marketing, on April 2. A representative audience greeted the speaker.

In his opening remarks he defined a co-operative association as an association organized primarily for the purpose of marketing farm products along co-operative lines in the interest of the producing and consuming public and without particular or any regard to profit, but in the expectation that through the standardization and stabilization of the products marketed, the elimination of waste and speculation in so far as condition of the market will permit. Its stockholders might be assured of a fair return upon their labor and investment and the company assured a constant supply of said products of uniform and standard quality at a price reasonably commensurate with the cost of production.

The definition as given will never affect an individual adversely but will redound to the benefit of every person, be he producer or consumer. The fundamental principle of any co-operative association is that of service.

Mr. Benson emphasized the following needs to assure success of any co-operative organization:

1. A recognized necessity for improvements in marketing conditions and the establishment of a better service.
2. The possibility of controlling a sufficient volume of the products to be handled to justify engaging competent management and meeting necessary overhead charges.
3. A cast iron contract between individual members and the Association binding each member to market all his marketable crop of the product to be handled through the Association.
4. Expert, energetic management and strictly expert and accurate methods of accounting.
5. Loyalty on the part of all members in reference to all details affecting the rules and regulations of the Association.

Briefly, the organization is composed of local egg circles in each district. The management of these is left in the hands of a body of directors who were picked out of the

various farmers selling their eggs through their own Association. These local organizations are combined in one great selling centre. This main centre employs the manager. Each local has its own representative in the selling Association.

The above is sufficient to show that help is being given to any farmers who feel that improvement could be made in marketing their eggs. Any person interested can get Mr. Benson's services free of charge by writing to the Department at Markdale.

In passing it might be stated that Oxford County has 25 circles organized. The members of these have asked to be federated or combined under one selling agency at Woodstock. Mr. G. R. Green, Agricultural Representative, Oxford County, is having Mr. Benson to work out the details of the central organization.

Oxford County farmers must be delighted with the results by selling their poultry products through egg circles when they are asking for the federation of these circles. It is time Grey County farmers have taken the matter up. British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick are now all organized. Mr. Benson, who was chiefly instrumental in getting these provinces organized is now in Ontario engaged in similar work. All the provinces now organized are delighted with the results. Ontario would be if she tried the work. Let Grey County follow Oxford's lead.

Smut Prevention

At every turn the Department at Markdale is being asked for information for treating of grain for Smut. We are ready to assist you with bulletins on this work if you will write us. A post card will do. The bulletin will explain in detail Smut Prevention. The best method is as follows:—

Mix one pint of formalin with 40 gallons of water. Place the grain to be treated in a heap on a clean floor. Sprinkle the formalin solution over the grain, then shovel the grain into another pile so as to mix it thoroughly; then sprinkle and shovel again. Repeat this operation until every grain is moistened by the solution. Just enough of the solution should be applied to thoroughly wet every grain, but not enough to make the grain wet and sappy. In treating small quantities use proportional amounts of the formalin solution. After the grain has been thoroughly sprinkled, cover the pile with bags or sacking that have been sprinkled with or soaked in a formalin solution and leave for three or four hours. At the end of this time spread the grain out thinly to dry. Shovel it over three or four times to hasten the drying. Forty gallons of the formalin solution is sufficient to sprinkle between fifty and sixty bushels of grain.

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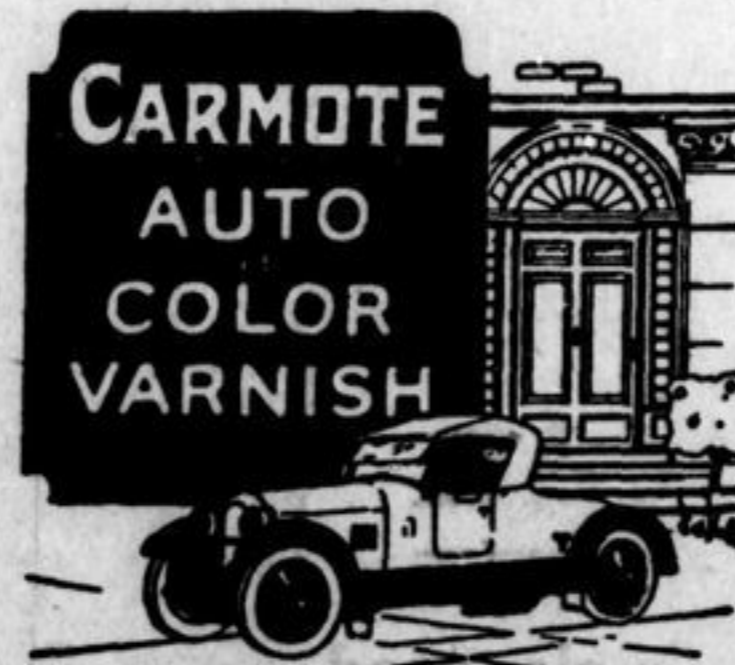
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The statement of analysis should be carefully studied by purchaser.

Now is the time of the year when the nature and composition of the fertilizers that are likely to be used for next season's crops should be well studied. A bulletin that is particularly recommended for this purpose is entitled "Fertilizers for Field Crops" of which Dr. Frank T. Shutt, Dominion Chemist, and B. Leslie Emslie, Soil Fertility Specialist, are the authors and which can be had without charge on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The plan and scope of the bulletin have been suggested by inquiries received and include, first, the results from recent field experiments; second, a discussion of the source, nature, function and value of the various manures, fertilizers and soil amendments; third, an explanation of the formulae and factors involved in the valuation of fertilizers and preparations of home mixtures and, fourth, suggestions for the fertilizer treatment of field crops, etc.

Regarding commercial fertilizers, the Dominion Fertilizers' Act provides for their registration of every fertilizer offered for sale as such in Canada. A registration number is given and this number serves as a means of identification. For the Act provides that the guarantee of analyses, together with the registration number of the fertilizer, shall be stenciled on each bag or other container or printed legibly on a tag attached durably thereto. In connection with this provision of the Act the Bulletin points out that on the market there are numerous—far too numerous—brands of ready-mixed fertilizers that contain varying percentages and proportions of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Many of these are described by the manufacturer as being specially adapted for the needs of certain crops. The farmer, however, should study the composition, not the name

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