

Outlook Is Bright For Rural Ontario

Condition of Agriculture In-
finitely Improved Over a Year
Ago, Declares Hon. John S.
Martin

TRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF
AGRICULTURAL INQUIRY

Need of Co-operative and Ex-
port Marketing Organization
Stressed In Debate In The
Legislature

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TORONTO, March 31.—A message of
vigorous optimism regarding the out-
look for agriculture in Ontario was
given in the Legislature late to-night
by Hon. John S. Martin, at the close
of an address in which he spoke in
warm terms of the work of Hon. Dr.
Jamieson's inquiry committee and re-
ported briefly upon investigations of
his own in Denmark.

"So far as the agricultural problem
in Ontario is concerned," he said, "it is
infinitely better than a year ago. Prices
of hogs are up, the price of grain is
much increased, and that of many other
things. Best of all, there is a differ-
ent feeling among the farmers of the
province. They can now see hope
ahead. They know conditions are bet-
ter. All I say to them is this: and I
believe they realize it—if any of
them are talking about selling out or
leaving the farm, this is not the time
to do it, just when things are beginning
to improve and they can see light
ahead. I want to thank the members
of the agricultural inquiry committee
for the faithful service they gave this
government and so far as I personally
am concerned, I feel whatever expense
the committee may have cost the
province has been returned already
many times over." (Applause.)

WORK ON FARMS.
In answer to criticism expressed by
Peter Heenan, Labor leader, regarding
immigration, the minister declared that
there was no unemployment on Ontario
farms, and so long as help was needed
there the government's policy would
be to bring out suitable people from
the farms of Great Britain to fill that
need.

Upon the committee's recommenda-
tions, including that for a national ex-
port marketing commission, Mr. Martin
said: "The matter of co-operation is
receiving our very best thought and
effort, but you must keep in mind that
you cannot rush these things too fast,
because that is where mistakes have
been made in the past."

Afternoon and evening in the Legis-
lature were spent in discussion of the
inquiry committee report. Those par-
ticipating were: W. D. Black (Con.,
Addington), Hon. Dr. Jamieson (Con.,
South Grey), A. Belanger (Lib., Russell),
F. H. Keeler (Con., Port Arthur), T. A.
Thompson (Con., N. Lanark), J. G.
Lethbridge (Prog., West Middlesex),
N. W. Trewartha (Con., South Huron),
Peter Heenan (Labor, Kenora), Dr. G.
V. Harcourt (Con., Parry Sound), Hon.
Manning Doherty, Hon. Mr. Martin,
W. H. Keith (Con., North York), and
M. M. MacBride (Con., South Brant).
This included all members of the com-
mittee and five other speakers.

Technically, the debate, which began

English Beauty



Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew, a favorite
in London society, and owner of many
estates in Ireland, is known as the
most beautiful woman of British royal circles.

at 3.40, was based on a motion by Mr.
Black, expressing concurrence of the
House in representations made to the
railways for lower rates on feeder cattle
and a reduction of the minimum weight
for mixed cars of stock. In this motion
the House concurred about midnight
and adjourned.

Feature of the afternoon was an out-
standing address by Hon. Dr. Jamieson,
chairman of the inquiry committee, who
held the attention of the House while
he reviewed in interesting fashion the
main phases of the committee's work.
Before the debate closed Hon. Mr.
Martin said it was intended to retain
the services of the committee for a
time, its advice being needed on various
matters.

Public accounts committee will be
the center of interest in the morning.
C. Black, whose name was mentioned
on Friday in connection with Provincial
Securities Company transactions, has
been prepared to make statement be-
fore the committee.

BILINGUAL SCHOOLS.
In the House to-morrow afternoon it
is expected A. Belanger (Lib., Russell)
will be given opportunity to debate his
motion.

"That in the opinion of this House
the government should (1) enact a regu-
lation providing that in English-Prov-
incial schools, now in existence or hereafter
established, the use and teaching of
both the English and the French lan-
guages be conducted in accordance with
the principles and methods applied in
the schools of bilingual countries gen-
erally, and also recommended by se-
veral British educational conferences for
application in the bilingual parts of the
British Empire; (2) to provide for the
adequate training of teachers for such
schools."

PETERSEN SHIP SUBSIDY.
Incidentally the debate on the agri-
cultural committee's report touched on
the wisdom of the Federal Government's
Petersen ship subsidy scheme as a
means to control Atlantic rates. The
discussion revealed that the committee
is prepared to concede that it may have

caused the Dominion Government to
move in the matter of Atlantic freight
rates, but its members are not particu-
larly keen about the Petersen contract
of \$1,375,000 a year for 10 years. Hon.
David Jamieson, chairman, is impressed
by the fact that 55 Government-owned
merchant steamers, instead of forming
part of a combination in maintaining
high rates, might have been made a fac-
tor in controlling the situation. Even so
loyal a Liberal as Mr. Belanger refrained
from discussing the value of the
Petersen proposal, though he was un-
derstood to say that the Ottawa move
was in line with what the provincial
committee had thought should be done.

Within the past couple of weeks Pre-
mier King, in the Commons, quoted
from the committee's report on the
matter of ocean rates. That report in-
cluded the passage:

"The committee satisfied itself that
the usefulness of the Canadian Govern-
ment merchant marine is limited by the
North Atlantic freight conference."

The committee recommended that the
Ontario Government strongly urge upon
the Dominion full consideration of the
interests and requirements of Ontario
shippers in whatever federal policy
might be decided upon to obtain reduc-
tion of rates. In addition, the com-
mittee did a little negotiating direct-
ly.

"On account of representations made
by this committee," said Dr. Jamieson
this afternoon, "the effect on the
million Government is shown by the
hurry with which they appointed W. T.
R. Preston, of West Elgin, notoriety,
and sent him over to Great Britain to
make some kind of bargain whereby
more favorable rates might be obtained
for our natural products, including fish
cattle. As a result we now find a bonus
is to be paid to the Petersen Line
amounting to \$1,375,000 per year for 10
years. Whether this is a good bargain
or not is a question, but at any rate
this committee can claim the credit of
starting up the Federal Government to
take action. It seems to me that the
Dominion, being the owner of 55 steam-
ships, should have been an important
factor in fixing and controlling every-
thing in connection with Transatlantic
traffic, but it is understood these same
Government-owned steamers entered into
and formed part of the combination
in maintenance of the high rates."

Features of Dr. Jamieson's speech
were a prediction that the province
would eventually have to take over
supervision of the health of the people,
just as education is in full charge of
the Government, and an expression of
opinion that there ought to be a demon-
stration farm in every county.

POWER FROM WINDMILLS.
Dr. Jamieson discussed at consider-
able length the workings of the com-
mittee, and coming down to the gen-
eration of power by windmills for in-
dividual farms, the province could
subsidize rural hydro it would cost
the province increasingly large
amounts of money, and some such
scheme of windmill generation of power
might become economically advisable.

He referred to the committee's suc-
cess in reducing the cost of farm
fertilizer to the farmers, particularly of
Northern Ontario, and discussed at
some length the merits of lime as a
fertilizer. His figures showed that
farmers had found it economically ad-
visable to lime their lands.

On the important question of trans-
portation, he said that the publicity
given to complaints made before the
committee should do much to work
improvement in Canada. He would
say that one of the chief functions of
a railway should be to realize economy.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING.
The committee, Dr. Jamieson de-
clared, had realized the extent to which
the dairy industry in Canada is inter-
ested in co-operation. Matters affecting agriculture,
therefore, had not been exclusively in-
vestigated, but the inquiry had gone
farther afield among those interests
which all interlock to form the pros-
perity of the province.

"This grasp of the situation," he
stated, "seemed to lead to one
main conclusion: that with the assist-
ance of the federal and the provincial
governments, it should be possible to
develop a system of co-operative mar-
keting to meet the needs of Canadian
agriculturalists and stabilize their in-
come. In every country of the world
this is the foremost problem with
economists."

Dr. Jamieson went on to point out
the manner in which the problem had
been tackled in other countries. Den-
mark and New Zealand had worked out
policies of state support of agricultural
co-operation and Britain had last year
outlined a policy of such Government
support for co-operation controlled by
the agricultural community of the
country. In Great Britain the plan had
been one of loans and guarantees, a
grant of some \$4,500,000 to improve
marketing facilities having been one of
its features. Australia, too, had taken
practical steps to aid its producers to
hold their own in the British market.
The policy of the United States was ap-
parently to protect their home markets
against imported produce.

"There is no sentiment in rural
Ontario in favor of curtailing produc-
tion," Hon. Dr. Jamieson said in dis-
cussing these stabilizing methods. "On
the contrary the unanimous opinion of
the farmers is that the true way of
progress is by increased production and
export marketing facilities."

RAILWAY RATES.
Upon transportation costs, Dr. Jamieson
expressed the view that the com-
mittee's investigations had shown
railway rates to be not too high, but
do not intend," he then said, "to in-
vite criticism of railway management
in Canada, but I do say that one of
its chief functions should be to realize
economy commensurate with earning
power. Where earnings fell short, the
corresponding economies should be the
responsible policy confronting manage-
ment. This responsibility must be held
up to the railways in Canada by the
people and the shippers who suffer from
transportation costs and rates."

The possibilities of Canadian bacon
were declared to have been shown in
the fact that a Canadian packing house
had recently carried off British Empire
honors in a competition. "If the
farmers will devote themselves to

DR. H.W. HILL IS OFFERED A PROFESSORSHIP IN B. C.

Dean of Faculty of Public Health of University of Western Ontario
Sought By Coast University; Has Not Considered
Question of Acceptance

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 31.—
Dean H. W. Hill, director of the Institute of Public
Health and dean of the faculty of public
health at the University of Western
Ontario, London, Ont., has been ap-
pointed professor of bacteriology and
nursing and public health at the Uni-
versity of British Columbia, the board
of governors announced to-day.

Dr. Hill informed The Free Press last
evening that he has received the offer
of the University of British Columbia
to accept a professorship in bacteriology
and nursing and public health. He has
not yet decided whether to accept the
position, but he is inclined to do so.
He would be in British Columbia
during the coming summer on a
mission for the Canadian Tuberculosis
Association looking into the problem of
undernutrition among the Indians of the
coast province, and he would have an
opportunity then of discussing the offer
with the university authorities.

Dr. Hill said that representatives of
the University of British Columbia ap-
proached him last fall, asking him to
accept the position of professor of bac-
teriology and nursing and public health.
He did not, but it did appear
now that they preferred to have Dr.
Hill.

Dr. Hill came to London in 1912 as
director of the health institute and re-
mained until 1914, when he went to
Minnesota on a year's leave of absence.
Returning to London, in addition to
the health institute, he assumed the
duties of city health officer until 1918,
when he was granted two years' leave.
From 1920 to the present he has been
dean of the faculty of public health
for the University of Western Ontario
and director of the Institute of Public
Health.

Dr. Hill is a Canadian, having been
born at St. John, N. B.

"Organization on a commodity co-
operative basis,"
"Quite so," agreed Mr. Ferguson.
"But not your company. It was a stock
company."

The only stock in the company was
that held by cheese factories to qualify
for membership," declared the ex-min-
ister. "There was no stock selling, but
the organization was modeled after the
most profitable company organizations
for commodity marketing."

Mr. Martin commended the
work of the inquiry committee and its
chairman. The Government had ap-
pointed the committee, he said, with a
sincere desire to aid agriculture, and
much care had been given to selection
of its personnel.

"It has been stated here," he said,
"that in regard to production in On-
tario the last word has been said. That
is not the case. We have a great deal
to do before we are anywhere near
some of our enemies and that refers to
quality and uniformity of agricultural
products. Latest quotations show
Danish salted butter is selling for
about 20 cents a pound in Britain and
Canadian 35."

"It is very desirable that Ontario
should have the benefits of the British
market. We have made a start, made
the most vital thing is to have an im-
portant department like that of dairy-
ing under direction of an experienced
man as a separate head, and we have
in George Barr a man who will tackle
this dairy problem and make a success
of it."

"I have been accused of holding up
Denmark too much. Until we can reach
the happy position Denmark is in to-
day I am going to keep on talking about
Denmark. They have tackled their
agricultural problems in a businesslike
way and brought them to success. To-
day their bacon, butter and eggs bring
the highest prices on the British mar-
ket. It was brought about in the first
place by their own efforts, and second-
ly, by the quality. Second-grade goods they
keep at home."

DANISH METHODS.
Describing Danish co-operative meth-
ods, the dairy controller continued:

"I do not think it would be possi-
ble to apply the Danish system altogeth-
er here, because that country is densely
populated, and our distances are great-
er. But the great contribution Den-
mark has made to agriculture is in co-
operation. The Danish farmer knows
he is getting a square deal. I was told
it was their boast that the co-opera-
tives were returning to the farmers 75
cents of the consumer's dollar. I can
not quite credit that, but it points the
way. I doubt if in some of our com-
munities of Ontario farmers get more
than 50 cents of the consumer's dollar.
"With regard to the co-operative
dairy plan the late minister mentioned
I would like to say a word. He asked
the pertinent question why I did not
go on with the company and I want to
say there were many good reasons. The
company was simply that the
people were not ready for it. I have
always believed the Dairy Standards
Act did not get the sympathy it would
have if introduced under different cir-
cumstances and that applies to this
company. That company was formed
by act of Parliament and its directors
were named in the act, so that right
from the start it had the political atmosphere
and its chances of success were poor.
Consequently, the company was not
even invited to meetings and when they
were held there were two groups,
one for and one against, on political
lines, so a proposition of that kind
could not get very far. In organizing
a co-operative enterprise it is neces-
sary to have the people ready to go
into it. At the same time, too, there
was a rival organization, the United
Dairymen, Limited, which is
going to-day and its sales have in-
creased from year to year."

The minister pointed out that Ontario
shows supremacy in dairy crops,
fruit, and vegetables, etc.; mentioned
the sheep industry and the bacon hog
campaign for which an additional
\$50,000 was voted by the government
as a tribute to the agricultural repre-
sentative service said, "I believe the work
these men are doing is work that is
going to have lasting results."

At midnight the resolution asking the
adoption of the report was adopted.

FINANCE WEMBLEY FAIR.
LONDON, March 31.—The bill relat-
ing to the Wembley Exhibition passed
its second reading in the Commons to-
day. Under it the Government guar-
anteed the exhibition for its second
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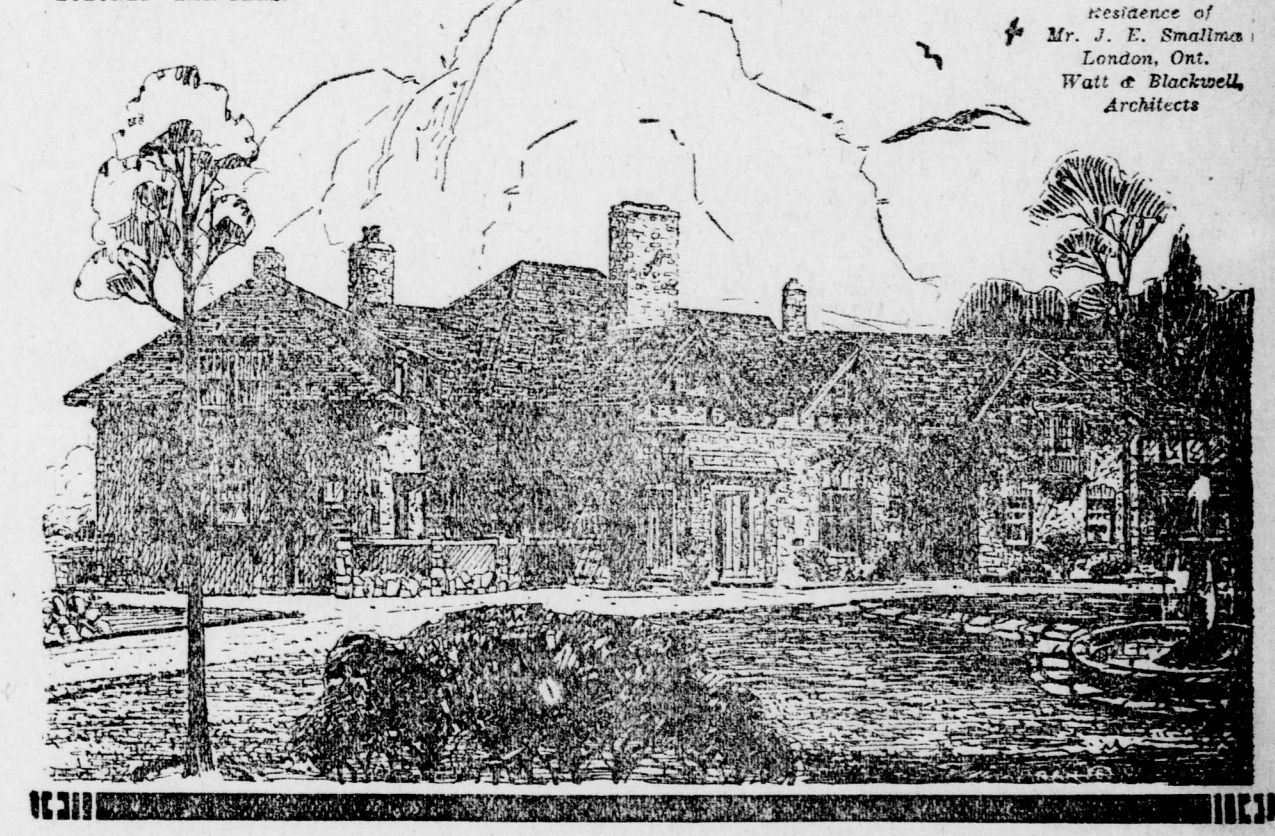
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Gradual Industrial Improvement
Noted At Brantford

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industrial world here, according to the
city relief committee's report for the
month of March. Most noticeable im-
provement is shown in steel and iron,
with textiles in close rank. Farm
work is in demand, but the supply
is short, single men listed as qualified
holding back for monthly work. Un-
filled farm orders call for single men,
on six to 12-month contracts, with two
to four weeks trial, at rates from \$250
to \$450 a year, board and washing in-
cluded.

At present only 42 are on the city
relief list, but 150 unemployed will be
provided with city relief work being
opened up. Improvement so far as
relief records are concerned is 25 per
cent. No relief orders, however, will
be issued to men from outside, the
civic view being that if Brantford was
ahead of other cities in absorbing the
unemployed, it was no justification for
others coming here.

The Hon. Sa'ud, the leader of the

Walabis, who have recently erupted in
the Arabian peninsula and apparently
have a commanding hold on the Arabs,
had declared himself recently to be an
ally for life of the British was noted
to the Kivani Club at the weekly
luncheon to-day by Capt. Ralph Smith.
After reviewing briefly the history of
the Arabs, Capt. Smith contrasted Turk
and Arab, to the relief of the latter.
The Turk's policy had been to keep the
Arab tribes divided, playing leader
against leader and tribe against tribe.
The Arabs had come to realize that the
British policy of unity among the
Arabs was in their own best interests.

The active young leader of the Sa'ud
would undoubtedly greatly strengthen
the Arabs and the pot is now boiling
merrily.

**JUDGMENT OF \$12,500
IS AWARDED AGAINST
GALT TAXICAB OWNER**
MILTON, March 31.—Judgment for
\$12,500 and costs was awarded to-day
by Chief Justice R. M. Meredith against
Ernest Wilcox, taxi owner and driver,
of Galt, as a result of his collision on
the Hamilton highway, near Oakville,
on October 21, 1924, with a car driven
by Gustave Armand, of Oakville, and
occupied by several other persons also.
Evidence was given that Wilcox was
driving at an excessive speed and also
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