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FARMERS MAKE PROTEST TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Cannot Increase the Production of Their Farms if Help is Taken From Them---Government Shows no Disposition to Back Down on the Question---Debate on the Budget Continued---A Toronto Member Defends Sir Joseph Flavelle.

Ottawa, May 3. — A representative deputation of some two hundred Ontario farmers, for the most part summoned by telegraph yesterday by the officers of the United Farmers of Ontario to meet in Ottawa today, interviewed the government this afternoon and pleaded for the temporary holding up of the new conscription regulations in so far as the taking of young men from the farms is concerned until at least the representations of the big deputation called for the 14th inst. are heard. The farmers today voiced a vigorous protest against the rigid provisions of the new order-in-council which leave no loopholes for any young farmer, no matter what the need of his labor on the farm. They maintained that if the government went ahead with its present policy, food production this year instead of being increased would be decreased, despite the need of greater production to prevent starvation overseas.

Stands By Its Guns.

The reply of the government, as voiced by Sir Robert Borden, Major-General Mewburn, Hon. T. A. Crerar and Hon. N. W. Rowell was that the first need was men for the front to hold back the Hun and that although the new regulations undoubtedly worked hardship and threatened to decrease production the government knowing all the facts of the present acute condition must stand firm by the policy it had deliberately adopted. The men must come from the farms as from other industries and they must be obtained at once. There was no sign of any backing down on the part of the government.

Sir Robert's answer to the delegation was sympathetic but firm.

Ministers Agreed.

Sir Robert's statement of the governments' attitude was backed up by the other ministers. "We took this action with our eyes open, knowing how important food production was and what the waiving of exemptions might be," said Mr. Rowell.

"I have been a practical farmer myself and I know the difficulties of your position," said Mr. Crerar. "I urged all these difficulties upon my colleagues but we must adjust the balance between the need of food and the need of men according to our best judgments. Even if we do take the boys from the farms we shall not yet measure up to the sacrifices of Britain and France. We are learning stern lessons from this war and because greater sacrifices are now required of us we must not just sit down and drink our hands. It is only the supreme need of the hour that has made us adopt the course we have taken."

"The representations put forward by the farmers were made in no carping spirit. They protested their loyalty and desire to do what was best to meet the needs of the situation, but they emphatically asserted that they could not obey the request of the government to produce more if, at the same time, their sons and help were taken from them. Portions of their land, they declared, were already lying idle for lack of help to work it. Only men trained in agriculture could fill the needs. City labor had been tried and found wanting. Many instances were cited in proof. They admitted that the Military Service Act

had not produced the expected results, but they urged that the government should not go from one extreme to the other and should now pause before drafting more men from the farms and take thorough stock of the situation. They claimed that, relying on exemption promises previously given, they had committed themselves to seeding more land and raising more stock than last year, but now the help on which they had counted was being taken from them and although seed might be put in they could not see how it would be harvested. There were limits to the number of hours a day that a farmer and farmer's wife would work.

Leave of Absence.

While the government held out no hope of any reconsideration of the policy adopted, General Mewburn announced that a telegram had been sent out to all depot officers instructing them to grant, when necessary, two weeks' leave of absence to any farmer to go back and complete seeding operations.

Sir Robert Borden intimated that, following the national registration of June next, the government hoped to be able to mobilize all labor in Canada to much better advantage than at present and thus meet the farm help problem of the coming harvest time. Hon. Mr. Rowell declared that the government would be glad to sit down with a committee of the farmers "in an effort to meet the situation as best we can."

Ottawa, May 4.—To the onslaught made upon Sir Joseph Flavelle by D. D. McKenzie, of North Cape Breton, Edmund Bristol, of Centre Toronto, replied in the House of Commons during the debate upon the budget today. Mr. Bristol said that he held no brief for Sir Joseph, nor was he interested directly or indirectly with him. The chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, however, the Centre Toronto member said, was one of his constituents, and he added: "I have known him for a number of years, and I do not believe a more honorable, straightforward business man exists in this country."

William Duff, member from Lunenburg, said he felt that the financial affairs of the country would be safer in the hands of the acting minister than in those of the Minister of Finance. He thought also that a commission of three practical business men should be appointed to advise the Finance Department in regard to financial matters. He objected to the income tax, which he thought bore more heavily the poor man than on the rich.

The Auto Tax.

J. L. Gauthier, St. Hyacinthe, objected to the government tax on the motor car trade being put into force immediately. Referring to the Military Service Act, Mr. Gauthier declared that this law had defeated itself because it is not possible to have conscription accompanied by exemptions. Mr. Gauthier dealt at some length with the case of Desjardins, the Montreal detective, whose services were utilized by the government to ascertain the details of the conspiracy which resulted in the arrest of those responsible for dynamiting outrages in that city. He severely criticized the action of the government in giving bail for Desjardins to secure his release, after he had been placed under arrest, and exhibited to those a copy of the cheque issued by the Justice Department covering bail for Desjardins.

Montreal Dynamiters.

Mr. Gauthier wanted to know why public money had been used to defend a conspirator like Desjardins and why public money had been used to bail him out. He protested against the feeling in the remainder of Canada, towards Quebec. The cry, was Gott Strafe Quebec, and, as in Germany, the cry was Hoch Der Kaiser, so here it was Hoch der Sentinel. J. E. Provost, Terrebonne, criticised the government on many points. He declared that under the title of Unionists, they were really causing disunion throughout the country.

He thought that conscription was injury to the cause of the Allies because it tended to paralyze the production of food in Canada. H. A. Fortier, Labelle, declared his opposition to conscription and his belief that the preservation of food was of greater importance than obtaining soldiers.

The development of the iron and steel industries throughout the Dominion was advocated by Thomas E. Simpson, West Algoma.

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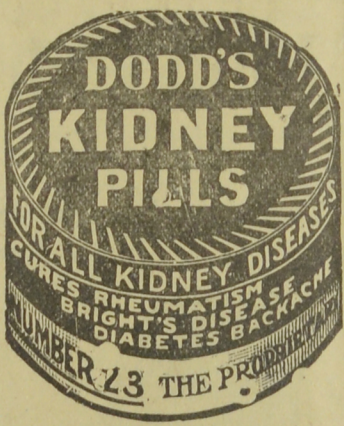
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