

Economic Protection Against Japanese Sought in Okanagan

Okanagan Valley farmers want some protection against settlement there of Japanese who during the war were removed from the B.C. coast area. W. A. C. Bennett, Coalition, South Okanagan, told the B.C. Legislature Wednesday afternoon.

Speaking during consideration of the budget salary vote for the minister of agriculture, Mr. Bennett said the protection was sought by the farmers not for racial reasons but because of economics.

Joining with Mr. Bennett in his plea was C. W. Morrow, Coalition, North Okanagan, who said:

"We don't mind assimilating our share. We do not want the Japanese to remain there in those terrifically large numbers we have known during the war."

Mr. Morrow expressed regret that no vote had been provided

for an agricultural college which he believed should be established in the Okanagan.

During the discussion Mr. Putnam announced he hoped to put more field men to work this year to point out diseases to potatoes and he had planned to have certified seed areas created in which only certified seed potatoes could be grown, a measure designed to prevent the spread of potato diseases.

RESEARCH PLAN

To aid in guaranteeing markets for possible future farm surpluses, J. H. Corbie, C.C.F., Peace River, advocated an agriculture department research branch which might:

1. Develop better types of plants for certain areas of the province.
2. Foster the production of oils for soap.
3. Develop better packing methods.
4. Improve processing techniques, including a better method for dehydrating fruit.

Mr. Corbie also advocated a provincial government policy to assure more time for farmers, action to encourage secondary industries which would use the produce of farms, purchases from War Assets Corporation by the department of equipment for distribution to farmers who could not buy the equipment individually possible establishment of more processing plants in the interior to avoid waste and some action by the agriculture department to assure the future of the farmer.

Mr. Bennett urged irrigation administration be transferred from the lands to the agriculture department. This suggestion was endorsed by Mr. Morrow.

A. C. Hope, Coalition, Delta, suggested that a bonus be provided for farmers using commercial land clearing equipment in districts where the government had no land clearing machinery so that the farmer would secure the machinery for the same cost as the machinery provided under the government's program.

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Advanced Education For Students Not Working For Degrees

A dvanced education in university for students not working towards degrees was endorsed in the B.C. Legislature Wednesday afternoon by Education Minister G. M. Weir, who suggested special courses might be arranged for students desiring special knowledge.

Dr. Weir said it was questionable whether British Columbia could absorb all engineers now in training at the university, although some of these students may join the teaching profession. Junior courses, he suggested, could be taken by students who had not graduated from high school, but required special knowledge for their professions.

Junior courses were suggested by Herbert Gargrave, C.C.F., Mackenzie, who advocated that provision be made for students who in the past had been unable to attend university.

Answering Mrs. Nancy Hodges, Coalition, Victoria, Dr. Weir said he believed the University of B.C. would do everything possible to have summer courses arranged so that veterans could complete five year courses within four years.

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Admitting B.C. students' knowledge of Canadian history was often "spotty," Dr. Weir said a special committee now was working on the subject in conjunction with social studies.

Dr. Weir, replying to Mrs. Hodges, said he would discuss with the Civil Service Commission the salary of Miss Madge Wolfenden, senior archivist in the provincial archives. Mrs. Hodges had contended it was grossly unfair that Miss Wolfenden's salary should be cut when the provincial archivist returned from war service.

High Praise For Bruce A. McKelvie As B.C. Historian

Suggestion of Opposition Leader Harold E. Winch that Bruce A. McKelvie, veteran member of the legislative press gallery, be employed by the province to record the history of British Columbia won wide support in the B.C. Legislature Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Winch, describing Mr. McKelvie as a man who really knew the history of the province, said the government should give him a free hand to put down historical data, drawn from the mass of information locked in his brain which would be lost with his death.

Paying tribute to the work of Mr. McKelvie and endorsing the suggestion that he be employed by the province were Mrs. Nancy Hodges, Victoria; Mrs. Tilly Rolston, Vancouver-Point Grey; Louis LeBlond, Cariboo; H. J. Welch, Comox; J. H. Cates, North Vancouver; R. H. Carson, Kamloops, and Dr. F. W. Green, Cranbrook, all Coalition members.

"I've never had such support in 14 years," said Mr. Winch.

Crushed By Train Cars

VANCOUVER (CP)—Patrick McAlister, 45, a Great Northern Railway dock trucker, was killed Wednesday when crushed between two freight cars. It is believed he attempted to cross the tracks between the cars while they were being shunted.

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