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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 1927.

PROCLAMATION.

HENRY COCKSHUTT.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

GEORGE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc., etc., etc.

To Our Faithful, the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Ontario and to every of you—GREETING.

CHARLES MCCREA, Acting Attorney-General. { **W**HEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and consideration to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on WEDNESDAY, the SECOND day of the month of FEBRUARY now next, at OUR CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, act, do and conclude upon these things which, in Our Legislature of the Province of Ontario, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God, be ordained. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario be to hereunto affixed. WITNESS, His Honour HENRY COCKSHUT, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of Our Province of Ontario, at Our Government House, in the City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this TWENTY-SECOND day of DECEMBER, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and in the Seventeenth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

C. F. BULMER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Ontario.

This being the First day of the First Meeting of the Seventeenth Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Henry Cockshutt, Lieutenant-Governor—Alexander Cameron Lewis, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, laid upon the Table of the House a Roll hereinafter fully set out, containing a list of the names of the Members who had been returned at the General Elections to serve in this Legislature; and having been authorized to administer the Oaths to the Members, did administer the Oaths to the Members present; who, after having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took their seats in the House.

SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ELECTION.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Ontario.
Toronto, January 31st, 1927.

This is to certify that by reason of the Dissolution of the last Legislature on Monday, the Eighteenth day of October, A.D. 1926, and in virtue of Writs of Elections, dated on the Eighteenth day of October, A.D. 1926, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to the hereinafter named persons as Returning Officers for all the Electoral Districts in the Province of Ontario, for the election of Members to represent the several Electoral Districts in the Legislature of the Province, in the Parliament convened to meet on the Second day of February, A.D. 1927, the following named persons have been gazetted as duly elected to represent the Electoral Districts set opposite their respective names, as appears by the Returns of the said Writs, deposited of Record in my office, namely:—

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Member Elect</i>	<i>Returning Officer</i>
Electoral District of		
Addington.....	William David Black.....	Lawson B. Cronk
Algoma.....	John M. Robb.....	Lorne Burk
Brant County.....	Harry Corwin Nixon.....	A. H. Monteith
Brantford.....	William George Martin....	S. P. Pitcher
Brockville.....	Hezekiah Allen Clark.....	Wm. Jelly
Bruce, North.....	Alexander P. Mewhinney..	J. B. Underwood

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Member Elect</i>	<i>Returning Officer</i>
Electoral District of		
Bruce, South.....	Malcolm A. McCallum....	Wm. G. McCallum
Carleton.....	Adam Holland Acres.....	T. A. Bradley
Cochrane, North.....	Albert Victor Waters.....	John D. Mackay
Cochrane, South.....	Alfred F. Kenning.....	T. H. Torrance
Dufferin.....	Thomas Kerr Slack.....	Willis Rounding
Dundas.....	George Smyth.....	Arthur McRobie
Durham.....	William J. Bragg.....	Arthur VanCamp
Elgin, East.....	Edward B. Miller.....	E. A. Hemstreet
Elgin, West.....	Finlay G. Macdiarmid....	H. T. Gaugh
Essex, North.....	Paul Poisson.....	Hector J. Cada
Essex, South.....	Charles G. Fletcher.....	Sydney H. Wyatt
Fort William.....	Frank Spence.....	H. S. Hancock
Frontenac-Lennox....	Edward Ming.....	Geo. T. Walters
Glengarry.....	Angus McGillis.....	Myles Campbell
Grenville.....	Hon. G. Howard Ferguson..	Wm. S. Johnston
Grey, North.....	David James Taylor.....	Wm. F. Riley
Grey, South.....	Farquhar R. Oliver.....	John D. McDowell
Haldimand.....	Robert F. Miller.....	W. S. Hudspeth
Halton.....	George Hillmer.....	James McDowell
Hamilton, Centre....	Thomas W. Jutten.....	A. B. Doughty
Hamilton, East.....	Hon. Leeming Carr.....	Algernon Moss
Hamilton, West.....	Frederick T. Smye.....	Leslie W. Gay
Hastings, East.....	James F. Hill.....	Geo. C. Joyce
Hastings, North.....	Hon. John Robert Cooke..	Newell Broad
Hastings, West.....	Wm. H. Ireland.....	Clem Ketcheson
Huron, North.....	Charles A. Robertson....	George R. Muldoon
Huron, South.....	William George Medd.....	Wm. G. Govenlock
Kenora.....	Joseph P. Earngey.....	W. McCannon
Kent, East.....	Chris. Gardiner.....	Oliver Drury
Kent, West.....	Archibald C. Calder.....	Alex. I. McCall
Kingston.....	Thomas Ashmore Kidd....	W. Kent Macnee
Lambton, East.....	Leslie Warner Oke.....	Richard Williamson
Lambton, West.....	Wilfred S. Haney.....	Richard E. Lesueur
Lanark, North.....	Thomas A. Thompson....	George H. Doucett
Lanark, South.....	Egerton R. Stedman.....	James E. Burns
Leeds.....	Frederick J. Skinner.....	Thos. Webster
Lincoln.....	Robert H. Kemp.....	C. W. F. Carpenter
London, North.....	James Percy Moore.....	Frank H. Curran
London, South.....	J. Cameron Wilson.....	Wm. C. Fitzgerald
Manitoulin.....	Thomas Farquhar.....	Fred W. Major
Middlesex, North....	Alexander D. McLean....	Jas. W. Park
Middlesex, West.....	John Giles Lethbridge....	Michael M. Wightman
Muskoka.....	George W. Ecclestone....	Harry S. Miller
Niagara Falls.....	Wm. G. Willson.....	R. G. W. Fordham
Nipissing.....	Henry Morel.....	Wm. Martin, Jr.
Norfolk.....	Hon. John S. Martin.....	Geo. M. Boughner
Northumberland....	William G. Robertson....	John Noble
Ontario, North.....	John W. Widdifield.....	Wm. H. Bick
Ontario, South.....	Wm. E. N. Sinclair.....	Robert J. Brown
Ottawa, East.....	Jos. A. Pinard.....	M. J. O'Connor

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Member Elect</i>	<i>Returning Officer</i>
Electoral District of		
Ottawa, North.....	Albert E. Honeywell.....	Geo. A. Donaldson
Ottawa, South.....	Thomas M. Birkett.....	F. M. Scott
Oxford, North.....	David M. Ross.....	Wm. McGhee
Oxford, South.....	Merton E. Scott.....	George H. Hollier
Parry Sound.....	George Vernon Harcourt..	Jas. H. Tully
Peel.....	Thomas L. Kennedy.....	W. J. Beatty
Perth, North.....	Hon. Jos. D. Monteith....	Thos. Magwood
Perth, South.....	Albert A. Colquhoun.....	Alfred Paul
Peterborough City....	Wm. H. Bradburn.....	Fred J. A. Hall
Peterborough County..	William A. Anderson.....	W. G. Morrison
Port Arthur.....	Donald M. Hogarth.....	A. P. Freed
Prescott.....	Edmond Proulx.....	Andrew R. Metcalfe
Prince Edward.....	Wm. E. Raney.....	Even R. Fox
Rainy River.....	James A. Mathieu.....	Norman L. Crome
Renfrew, North.....	Alexander Stuart.....	Alex. Morris
Renfrew, South.....	Thomas M. Costello.....	Robt. G. Wilson
Russell.....	Aurelian Belanger.....	John A. Gamble
St. Catharines.....	Edwin Cyrus Graves.....	Roswell L. Smith
Sault Ste. Marie.....	James Lyons.....	Albert R. Hugill
Simcoe, Centre.....	Charles Ernest Wright....	Senica Nixon Hurst
Simcoe, East.....	Hon. William Finlayson....	David H. Church
Simcoe, Southwest....	John Henry Mitchell.....	Wm. Dinwoody
Stormont.....	Duncan A. McNaughton..	Donald A. McIntosh
Sturgeon Falls.....	Theo Legault.....	Jos. F. Prieur
Sudbury.....	Hon. Chas. McCrea.....	Alex. Irving
Temiskaming.....	Angus John Kennedy.....	Geo. Caldbick
Toronto—		
Beaches.....	Thomas A. Murphy.....	Harold E. Spratt
Bellwoods.....	William H. Edwards.....	Wm. H. Harper
Bracondale.....	Arthur Russell Nesbitt....	C. E. Blackburn
Brockton.....	Frederick G. McBrien.....	Wm. H. Price
Dovercourt.....	Samuel T. Wright.....	J. O. Bates
Eglinton.....	Herbert H. Ball.....	Frank G. Hassard
Greenwood.....	George J. Smith.....	Robert Luxton
High Park.....	William A. Baird.....	Wm. J. Wadsworth
Parkdale.....	Hon. Wm. H. Price.....	John Stokes
Riverdale.....	George Oakley.....	Jas. R. Brown
St. Andrews.....	Wm. R. Flett.....	Cecil B. Saunders
St. David.....	Jos. E. Thompson.....	Wilmot Andrews
St. George.....	Henry C. Scholfield.....	Everett Bristol
St. Patrick.....	John Allister Currie.....	John T. Lester
Woodbine.....	George S. Shields.....	John E. Virtue.
Victoria, North.....	William Newman.....	James Daniel
Victoria, South.....	Frederick George Sandy...	Arthur W. Allin
Waterloo, North.....	William G. Weichel.....	Herman Sturm
Waterloo, South.....	Karl Kenneth Homuth....	Chas. G. Robertson
Welland.....	Marshall Vaughan.....	Walter G. Grenville
Wellington, Northeast.	George A. McQuibban....	J. B. Moon
Wellington, South....	Hon. Lincoln Goldie.....	Robert Cull
Wentworth, North....	Alexander L. Shaver.....	Malcolm McDonald

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Member Elect</i>	<i>Returning Officer</i>
Electoral District of		
Wentworth, South.....	Thomas Jos. Mahoney....	John H. Stevens
Windsor, East.....	Frank A. Wilson.....	Louis P. St. Pierre
Windsor, West.....	John Frederick Reid.....	J. W. McConnell
York, East.....	Hon. George S. Henry....	Frederick L. Barchard
York, North.....	Peter William Pearson....	A. H. VanNostrand
York, South.....	Leopold Macaulay.....	Kenneth V. Stratton
York, West.....	Hon. Forbes Godfrey....	Herbert Baxter

C. F. BULMER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

And the House having met,

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

Mr. Goldie, the Provincial Secretary, then said,

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to state that he does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of this House shall have been chosen according to law; but to-day, at a subsequent hour, His Honour will declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

And the Clerk having called for nominations for the office of Speaker, the Premier, Mr. Ferguson, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, William David Black, Esquire, Member for the Riding of Addington, which motion was seconded by Mr. Henry, and it was

Resolved, That William David Black, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

The Clerk having declared the Honourable William David Black duly elected, he was conducted by the Premier and Mr. Henry to the Chair, where standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the Table.

3.15 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then re-entered the House and took his seat on the Throne.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour to the following effect:—

May It Please Your Honour:—

The Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly whose Servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, hereby claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable consideration.

The Provincial Secretary then said:—

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that the proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, the constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all suitable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session with the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my privilege to welcome you to the discharge of your legislative duties at the First Session of the Seventeenth Legislature of this Province.

Our earnest thanks are due to Almighty God for the harvest of the past year, and for the many other blessings that have been vouchsafed to us as a people.

On this my first opportunity of addressing you in my official capacity as Lieutenant-Governor, I desire to extend to you my most cordial greetings. I desire also to express my hearty concurrence in the impressive tribute of public respect and appreciation tendered to my predecessor, Colonel Henry Cockshutt, by the people of this Province.

The departure from Canada of Lord Byng of Vimy on the completion of his term as Governor-General, elicited widespread expressions of good-will toward that distinguished representative of His Majesty the King. The cordial welcome extended to Viscount Willingdon as Governor-General of Canada is a recognition of the outstanding services he has rendered to the Empire, and of the great value our people place on the high office he has been called upon to fill in this country.

As Canadians, we look forward with keen interest to the approaching commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation during the present year. The significance of the event is enhanced by the announcement that, circumstances permitting, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will visit Canada on that occasion. I trust that the Jubilee Celebration, in recalling many memorable events in our history, will tend to cement the bonds which unite all the Provinces of this great Dominion.

In June last a conference of representatives of the Provinces was held in Ottawa, when a satisfactory exchange of views took place and agreement was reached on a number of subjects as to which common action is desirable. One of the matters on which the Provinces are of one mind is that gatherings of this nature at regular intervals will serve to promote good understanding and useful co-operation.

The monument to Sir James Pliny Whitney was completed in the early part of the winter, and it is hoped that the ceremony of unveiling can be arranged for Empire Day. The occasion will afford an opportunity for a fitting public recognition of the outstanding work and character of that distinguished Prime Minister of Ontario.

Notwithstanding the unusual weather conditions, returns from agriculture last year closely approximated the average yield, thus affording evidence of the stability of this great and varied industry. The inauguration of the grading of cream has brought about a gratifying improvement in the quality of the commercial make of butter. Another satisfactory feature is the advance in the standing of the Province in competitive tests. Plans for placing British boys on Ontario farms were put into effect during the year with results that appear to warrant a material expansion of the project in the near future.

In developing the educational system, my Government is pursuing a policy of providing increased facilities for advanced courses at local centres, the aim being to place the benefits of higher instruction within the reach of all desiring them. The plan inaugurated last year by which pupils in the remote settlements are being given primary instruction for the first time by means of travelling schools and correspondence courses, has met with marked success and will be extended as required to cover all districts not hitherto served with schools. The inquiry into certain schools attended by French-speaking pupils is being steadily proceeded with and will be concluded, it is hoped, during the present year.

A measure of progress has been made in the preliminary steps for the development of the powers of the St. Lawrence River in international waters. As this power will not be available, under the most favourable circumstances, in time to meet the immediately approaching needs of the Province, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission has entered into arrangements to secure a supply of electrical energy from the Gatineau River. Furthermore, my Ministers and the Commission have conferred with the Government of Quebec with a view to the utilization of the powers of the Ottawa River in inter-provincial waters.

Owing to the fact that the City of Fort William has now entered the family of municipalities served by the Power Commission, the output of the Nipigon Development is fully taxed and provision is being made for additional power. The extension of the Hydro-Electric service into the rural districts continues to make satisfactory progress.

The policy of perpetuating our timber wealth by segregating areas adapted to the natural reproduction of the forests, has received much consideration from my Ministers, and legislation may be introduced in that connection. During the past season the air protection service demonstrated its utility not only in the detection, but in the suppression of fires and the prevention of loss to the public domain.

Mining activities during the past year were productive of an unusually large number of promising discoveries of gold, copper, zinc and lead. The two last-named metals have so far been unimportant factors in our mining operations, but there are good prospects of their shortly providing a substantial addition to the output of the Province. The situation of mining in Ontario justifies the growing confidence of the public in the future of the industry.

Owing to the promising outlook of that portion of the Province lying north of the present terminus of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, it would appear that the time is now opportune for making further progress towards James Bay, thereby opening up additional areas for exploration and probable development.

The Department of Public Works has nearly completed the new East Block, which has been constructed almost entirely of Ontario products, and therefore affords a useful demonstration of the resources of this Province, notably of limestone, marble and other structural materials. It is anticipated that the grouping together of the various provincial offices in Toronto will prove a convenience to the public and lead to more efficient service.

Negotiations are in progress for acquiring additional lands in the vicinity of the Queen's Park from the University of Toronto, for the purpose of controlling property that will eventually be needed for the increasing legislative, departmental and educational requirements of the Province.

The construction at the Canadian National Exhibition of a building devoted to the Province of Ontario, proved to be a decided acquisition to that important exposition. The building also served to draw increased attention to the products and resources of this Province. It is expected that eventually several other provinces will be similarly represented.

During the past year sufficient progress was made towards the completion of the main roads to ensure that the original system of provincial highways will have shortly a surface adequate for normal traffic requirements. It is proposed to take over from the counties upwards of 500 miles of roads, and bring them up to the provincial standard. With the re-organization of the county systems a marked improvement in the construction and maintenance of the local avenues of traffic will be effected. The reduction of the fees for motor licenses affords an appreciable measure of relief to the public.

Investigations carried on by the Department of Health are improving the safeguards against occupational and communicable diseases. The inauguration of a dental health day was well received, and led to the voluntary examination of some eighty thousand children. An important feature of the work of the Department of Health was the establishment of a standard for tourists' camps,

which will contribute to the comfort and safety of the increasing number of summer visitors who annually come to Ontario.

Through the instrumentality of the Boys' Training School at Bowmanville, youths who were in danger of becoming problems to the community owing to lack of proper discipline and training, are now qualifying for useful careers. Satisfactory progress is being made by the Department of the Provincial Secretary in providing the necessary buildings, and there is general appreciation of the beneficial work and objects of the institution.

Legislation will be introduced to recognize and give effect to the expressed desire of the people of the Province for improvement in the method of control and administration of the sale of liquor.

Among the other measures which will be submitted to you for your consideration will be a Bill to increase the exemption of incomes under the Assessment Law. There will also be Bills regarding the Amusement Tax Act; to further the interests of Agriculture; to amend the Marriage Act; and to revise and consolidate a number of the existing laws.

In pursuance of the policy of retiring the public debt, an issue of serial bonds was recently placed before the public and met with a very favourable reception. Improvement continues to mark the administration of the Provincial finances. The preparation of the Public Accounts is well advanced and the estimates of proposed expenditures will be laid before you at an early date.

In conclusion, I have confidence that the various subjects which will come before you will receive your best consideration, and that under the blessing of Providence your deliberations will conduce to the welfare and prosperity of our people.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker then reported.

That, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's speech, which he read.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry.

A Bill was introduced intituled "An Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace," and the same was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry.

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections; 2. On Railways; 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills; 4. On Standing Orders; 5. On Public Accounts; 6. On Printing; 7. On Municipal Law; 8. On Legal Bills; 9. On Agriculture and Colonization; 10. On Fish and Game; 11. On Labour; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The House then adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Jutten, two Petitions of the City of Hamilton.

By Mr. Hogarth, the Petition of the City of Port Arthur; also, the Petition of the Township of Nipigon.

By Mr. Weichel, the Petition of The Evangelical Lutheran Seminary.

By Mr. Vaughan, the Petition of the Town of Dunnville; also, the Petition of the Township of Thorold; also, the Petition of the Village of Humberstone.

By Mr. Nesbitt, the Petition of the City of Toronto.

By Mr. Homuth, the Petition of the Town of Preston.

By Mr. Wilson (Windsor), the Petition of the Essex Border Utilities Commission.

By Mr. Waters, the Petition of the Town of Kapuskasing.

By Mr. Poisson, the Petition of the Town of Sandwich; also, the Petition of the Town of Ojibway; also, the Petition of the Township of West Sandwich.

By Mr. Macaulay, the Petition of the Township of North York; also, the Petition of the Village of Forest Hill; also, the two Petitions of the Township of East York; also, the Petition of the Township of York.

By Mr. Moore, the Petition of the Young Women's Christian Association of London.

By Mr. Belanger, the Petition of Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools of the City of Ottawa.

By Mr. Kennedy (Temiskaming), the Petition of the Town of Cobalt.

By Mr. McNaughton, the Petition of the Township of Cornwall.

By Mr. Shields, the Petition of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada at Beaverton.

By Mr. Spence, the Petition of the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur.

By Mr. Ecclestone, the Petition of the Village of Windermere.

By Mr. Kenning, the Petition of the Township of Teck; also, the Petition of the Town of Timmins.

By Mr. Thompson (Lanark North), the Petition of the Town of Almonte.

By Mr. McBrien, the Petition of the Board of Education of the City of Toronto.

By Mr. Haney, the Petition of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada at Wick.

By Mr. Robb, the Petition of the Township of Chapleau.

By Mr. Willson (Niagara Falls), the Petition of the Village of Fort Erie; also, the Petition of the Township of Bertie.

By Mr. Robb, the Petition of the Town of Sudbury.

By Mr. McQuibban, the Petition of the Town of Palmerston.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That a Select Committee of fourteen members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, a list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, to be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Ferguson, Henry, Price, Thompson (Lanark), Macdiarmid, Ireland, Weichel, Haney, Pinard, Mewhinney, Pearson, Kemp, Lethbridge and Nixon.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That, beginning on Monday next, and on each succeeding Monday for the remainder of the Session, Government business shall be placed upon the Order Paper.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 71), intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Certain Teachers and Inspectors." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 74), intituled "An Act respecting the Acquisition of Land for School Purposes." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 72), intituled "An Act to amend The Industrial Schools Act." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 73), intituled "An Act respecting Infants." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 75), intituled "An Act to add the District of Patricia to the Territorial District of Kenora." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 83), intituled "An Act to amend The Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 76), intituled "An Act to amend the Arbitration Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 78), intituled "The Minors' Protection Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 77), intituled "An Act to make certain changes in the Law in Consequence of the Revision of the Statutes." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 81), intituled "The Public Trustee Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 79), intituled "An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 82), intituled "An Act respecting Juvenile Courts." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 93), intituled "An Act to encourage the Planting and Growing of Trees." *Mr. Martin.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 91), intituled "The Fire Departments Act." *Mr. Godfrey.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 84), intituled "An Act respecting the Game, Fur Bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario." *Mr. McCrea.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 86), intituled "An Act referring to the Registration and Protection of Fur Bearing Animals." *Mr. McCrea.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 85), intituled "An Act to amend The Wolf Bounty Act, 1924." *Mr. McCrea.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 87), intituled "An Act to amend The Mining Act of Ontario." *Mr. McCrea.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 94), intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act." *Mr. Finlayson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 95), intituled "An Act to amend The Provincial Loans Act." *Mr. Monteith.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

Mr. Kidd moved, seconded by Mr. Poisson,

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

To His Honour, William Donald Ross, Lieutenant-Governor of our Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the University of Toronto for 1926 (*Sessional Paper No. 12*).

Also, Report of Legislative Grants to Rural and Urban Public and Separate Schools. (*Sessional Paper No. 30*.)

The House then adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Thompson (St. David), the Petition of the General Synod of the Church of England and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That a Select Committee of ten members be appointed to act with Mr. Speaker in the control and management of the Library, to be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Price, Carr, Shields, Homuth, Moore, McNaughton, Belanger, Mitchell, Raney and Widdifield.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to direct the expenditure of any sum set apart by the Estimates for Art purposes, to be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Martin, Goldie, Baird, Clark (Brockville), Monteith, Kennedy (Peel), Proulx, Nixon and Lethbridge.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 71), An Act respecting the Superannuation of Certain Teachers and Inspectors.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 74), An Act respecting Acquisition of Land for School Purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 72), An Act to amend The Industrial Schools Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 73), An Act respecting Infants.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 75), An Act to add the District of Patricia to the Territorial District of Kenora.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 76), An Act to amend The Arbitrations Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 78), The Minors' Protection Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 77), An Act to make certain changes in the Law in Consequence of the Revision of the Statutes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 81), The Public Trustee Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 79), An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 82), An Act respecting Juvenile Courts.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 93), An Act to encourage Planting and Growing of Trees.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 91), The Fire Departments Act, 1927.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 84), Respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 85), To amend The Wolf Bounty Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 87), To amend The Mining Act of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 94), To amend The Statute Labour Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 95), To amend The Provincial Loans Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Shaver, the Petition of the Town of Dundas.

By Mr. Moore, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the City of London.

By Mr. Haney, the Petition of the City of Sarnia.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the borrowing of money, investment of Sinking Fund and submission of certain by-laws.

Of the Corporation of the City of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass ratifying the sale of certain land; also the exchange of certain land.

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the increase in the value of property holdings from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Of the Town of Dunnville, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the consolidation of floating debt.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing certain grants of money and validating sales of land.

Of the Corporation of the Town of Preston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for the purpose of borrowing money.

Of the Township of Thorold, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the construction of waterworks and sewage systems.

Of the Village of Humberstone, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the construction of, and addition of, watermains.

Of the Township of Bertie, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the construction of waterworks and sewerage systems.

Of the Town of Kapuskasing, praying that an Act may pass confirming and validating certain by-laws.

Of the Town of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the consolidation of floating indebtedness and confirming and validating certain by-laws.

Of the Township of East York, praying that an Act may pass authorizing certain agreements respecting the East York-Leaside viaduct.

Of the Township of East York, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the sale of occupied lands and lands built upon.

Of the London Young Women's Christian Association, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the holding of real estate outside the City of London.

Of the Township of North York, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming by-laws respecting sales of land, building a market, borrowing money and the establishment of a Department of Industry.

Of the Ottawa Separate School Board Trustees, praying that an Act may pass respecting financial arrangements and borrowing money in connection with school purchases.

Of the Village of Forest Hill, praying that an Act may pass respecting taxation and to confirm and validate sales of land.

Of the Town of Cobalt, praying that an Act may pass respecting poll-tax,

Of the Township of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain agreements and by-laws.

Of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the use of the Old Stone Church at Beaverton and the Manse connected with Knox Church.

Of the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the Thunder Bay District.

Of the Township of York, praying that an Act may pass respecting assessments, debenture by-laws and validating and confirming certain agreements.

Of the Village of Windermere, praying that an Act may pass respecting a change in the day and date of holding Municipal Elections.

Of the Township of Teck, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain by-laws and agreements.

Of the Township of Nipigon, praying that an Act may pass confirming sales of lands for arrears of taxes.

Of the Town of Almonte, praying that an Act may pass respecting consolidation of floating indebtedness and the flotation of a loan.

Of the Essex Border Utilities Commission, praying that an Act may pass respecting equalization of payments for municipal works.

Of the City of Toronto Board of Education, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the creation of an Insurance Fund to be known as "The Board of Education Insurance Fund."

Of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass validating certain by-laws and agreements.

Of the Town of Timmins, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the passage of by-laws respecting water rates.

Of the Town of Ojibway, praying that an Act may pass confirming an agreement made between the Town and the County of Essex.

Of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick, praying that an Act may pass authorizing another vote respecting Church Union.

Of the Township of Chapleau, praying that an Act may pass respecting township limits and boundaries.

Of the Village of Fort Erie, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the consolidation of the floating debt and validating and confirming certain by-laws.

Of the Township of Sandwich West, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain by-laws respecting debenture issues.

Of the Town of Palmerston, praying that an Act may pass validating a by-law respecting purchase of a Private Hospital by the Corporation.

Of the Town of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain by-laws.

Of the General Synod of the Church of England and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, praying that an Act may pass respecting the investment of funds.

Mr. Henry from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, begs leave to present the following list of members to compose the Committee on Standing Orders:—

Messieurs Acres, Bradburn, Colquhoun, Earngey, Flett, Haney, Hill, Hillmer, Jutten, Kemp, Kennedy (Temiskaming), Lethbridge, Martin (Norfolk), Martin (Brantford), Ming, Morel, Murphy, McBrien, McGillis, McNaughton, Nixon, Pinard, Poisson, Proulx, Sandy, Shields, Sinclair, Stedman, Stuart, Vaughan, Waters, Weichel, Widdifield, Wilson (Windsor), Wilson (London), Wright (Simcoe) and Wright (Dovercourt)—37.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven Members.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 71), An Act respecting the Superannuation of Certain Teachers and Inspectors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 74), An Act respecting the Acquisition of Land for School Purposes, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 72), An Act to amend The Industrial Schools Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 76), An Act to amend The Arbitration Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 78), An Act to amend The Minors' Protection Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 79), An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 93), An Act to encourage the Planting and Growing of Trees, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 91), The Fire Departments Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 95), An Act to amend The Provincial Loans Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark North) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 83), To amend the Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Pinard, the Petition of the City of Ottawa.

By Mr. Spence, the Petition of the City of Fort William.

Mr. McBrien from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted:

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the notices as published in each case sufficient.

Of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for the raising of money for certain purposes and also for the investment of sinking funds and for other purposes.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass ratifying the sale of certain lands and confirming a certain agreement between the Corporation and John B. Arnold and Norvill B. Arnold.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass confirming certain expenditures and validating certain tax sales.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Thorold, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the construction of water works and a sewage system in the Township.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Humberstone, praying that an Act may pass validating a certain by-law authorizing the construction of, and addition to, the water mains.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Bertie, praying that an Act may pass respecting the construction of a system of water works and also a system of sewage.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Kapuskasing, praying that an Act may pass to validate certain by-laws for the construction of sewers and water mains.

Of the Municipal Corporations of the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the District of Thunder Bay.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Fort Erie, praying that an Act may pass consolidating the floating indebtedness of the Corporation and confirming and validating certain by-laws.

Of the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, praying that an Act may pass respecting investment of funds.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Forest Hill, praying that an Act may pass respecting taxation, confirming tax sales and for other purposes.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sandwich West, praying that an Act may pass confirming and validating by-laws authorizing the raising of certain monies to pay for local improvements.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Street Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain by-laws and agreements.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Windermere, praying that an Act may pass changing the date for the holding of municipal elections in the Village.

Of the Township of North York, praying that an Act may pass validating by-laws respecting sales of land in arrears for taxes, establishing a market and construction of water mains.

Of the Corporation of the Town of Timmins, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the passing of by-laws respecting water rates.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Preston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for the purpose of borrowing money to pay for certain public works.

Of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton, praying that an Act may pass respecting the occupancy of the "Old Stone Church" at Beaverton and the Manse connected with Knox Church.

Of the Township of East York, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the sale of lands for taxes occupied or built upon.

Of the Corporation of the Township of East York, praying that an Act may pass authorizing certain agreements made between the Corporation of the City of Toronto, the County of York, the Town of Leaside and the Township of East York respecting the Leaside Bridge.

Of the Corporation of the Town of Dunnville, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt of the Town.

Your Committee recommended that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be suspended in this that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 25th day of February next.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 25th day of February next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 1), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Hamilton."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Thorold."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Humberstone."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 10), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Kapuskasing."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 21), intituled "An Act respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the District of Thunder Bay."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 17), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Forest Hill."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 35), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich West."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 29), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Street Railway Company."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 23), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Windermere."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 15), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of North York."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 30), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Timmins."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled "An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 13), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of East York."

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 4), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville."

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 34), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie."

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Sessions, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, Mr. Raney moved, seconded by Mr. Lethbridge,

That the following words be added to the motion:—

"And to add that this House ventures the hope that when the promised Bill for improvement in the method of control and administration of the sale of liquor is brought down, it will be found to be based on principles of true temperance, with especial regard for the protection of the youth of Ontario."

And a Debate arising, it was on the motion of Mr. Belanger,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

The House then adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City of London, praying that an Act may pass respecting assessments, borrowing money and the Western Fair Association.

Of the Town of Dundas, authorizing entrance by the Corporation to private lands for the purpose of removing obstructions from streams and constructing drains.

Of the City of Sarnia, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming an agreement and by-law re construction and sale of a grain elevator.

Mr. Henry, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, begs leave to present the following lists as their Report:—

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Anderson, Baird, Ball, Belanger, Bradburn, Bragg, Clark, Cooke, Costello, Currie, Ecclestone, Edwards, Finlayson, Fletcher, Flett, Gardiner, Graves, Haney, Harcourt, Henry, Hillmer, Hogarth, Homuth, Honeywell, Ireland, Jutten, Kemp, Kennedy (Peel), Kidd, Macaulay, Macdiarmid, Mahoney, Martin (Norfolk), Mathieu, Mewhinney, Miller (Elgin), Miller (Haldimand), Mitchell, Moore, Morel, Murphy, McBrien, McCrea, McGillis, McNaughton, Nesbitt, Nixon, Oakley, Oke, Pearson, Pinard, Poisson, Price, Proulx, Raney, Reid, Robertson, Ross, Sandy, Scholfield, Scott, Shaver, Sinclair, Skinner, Smye, Smyth, Spence, Stedman, Taylor, Thompson (Toronto), Thompson (Lanark), Vaughan, Waters, Weichel, Widdifield, Willson (Niagara Falls), Wilson (Windsor), Wright (Toronto)—79.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Acres, Baird, Belanger, Birkett, Bradburn, Calder, Clark, Colquhoun, Costello, Currie, Earney, Ecclestone, Edwards, Fletcher, Haney, Harcourt, Hillmer, Hogarth, Homuth, Ireland, Jutten, Kennedy (Temiskaming), Kennedy (Peel), Kenning, Legault, Lyons, Macdiarmid, Mahoney, Martin (Brantford), Mathieu, Medd, Mewhinney, Miller (Haldimand), Ming, Monteith, Morel, Murphy, McBrien, McCrea, McLean, McNaughton, McQuibban, Nesbitt, Oakley, Oke, Oliver, Pinard, Price, Proulx, Robb, Robertson (Huron), Ross, Sandy, Scott, Shields, Slack, Smith (Toronto), Spence, Stuart (Renfrew), Taylor, Thompson (Toronto), Vaughan, Willson (Niagara Falls), Wilson (Windsor), Wilson (London), Wright (Simcoe)—67.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LAW.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Acres, Baird, Ball, Belanger, Birkett, Bradburn, Bragg, Calder, Carr, Clark, Colquhoun, Cooke, Currie, Ecclestone, Farquhar, Finlayson, Flett, Godfrey, Goldie, Graves, Haney, Henry, Hill, Hillmer, Homuth, Ireland, Kemp, Kennedy (Peel), Kidd, Legault, Lethbridge, Lyons, Macaulay, Mahoney, Martin (Norfolk), Mewhinney, Miller (Haldimand),

Ming, Mitchell, Monteith, Murphy, McBrien, McCallum, McCrea, McLean, Nesbitt, Nixon, Oakley, Oke, Pearson, Pinard, Poisson, Price, Proulx, Raney, Reid, Robb, Robertson (Huron), Robertson (Northumberland), Ross, Sandy, Scholfield, Scott, Shaver, Sinclair, Skinner, Smith (Toronto), Smye, Stedman, Stuart, Taylor, Thompson (Toronto), Thompson (Lanark), Vaughan, Weichel, Wilson (Windsor), Wilson (London), Wright (Simcoe), Wright (Toronto)—80.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Acres, Anderson, Ball, Belanger, Bradburn, Bragg, Calder, Colquhoun, Cooke, Costello, Earngey, Ecclestone, Farquhar, Gardiner, Godfrey, Goldie, Haney, Henry, Hill, Hillmer, Hogarth, Honeywell, Ireland, Kemp, Kennedy (Temiskaming), Kennedy (Peel), Kenning, Kidd, Legault, Lethbridge, Macaulay, Macdiarmid, Mahoney, Martin (Norfolk), Martin (Brantford), Mathieu, Mewhinney, Ming, Morel, McCallum, McGillis, McQuibban, Newman, Nixon, Oke, Poisson, Proulx, Robb, Robertson (Huron), Ross, Sandy, Shaver, Skinner, Slack, Smith (Toronto), Smye, Smyth (Dundas), Stedman, Stuart, Taylor, Thompson (Lanark), Vaughan, Waters, Weichel, Widdifield, Willson (Niagara Falls), Wright (Simcoe), Wright (Toronto)—69.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Acres, Baird, Belanger, Birkett, Bradburn, Carr, Clark, Costello, Currie, Ecclestone, Edwards, Finlayson, Fletcher, Flett, Godfrey, Graves, Haney, Harcourt, Henry, Hill, Hillmer, Homuth, Honeywell, Ireland, Kemp, Kennedy (Temiskaming), Kennedy (Peel), Kidd, Legault, Lethbridge, Lyons, Macaulay, Martin (Norfolk), Martin (Brantford), Medd, Mewhinney, Miller (Elgin), Mitchell, Moore, Morel, Murphy, McCrea, McQuibban, Nesbitt, Newman, Nixon, Oakley, Oke, Oliver, Pearson, Price, Proulx, Raney, Reid, Robb, Robertson (Huron), Sandy, Scholfield, Sinclair, Smith (Toronto), Smyth (Dundas), Stedman, Taylor, Thompson (Toronto), Thompson (Lanark), Vaughan, Weichel, Widdifield, Wilson (Windsor)—70.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven Members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Bradburn, Carr, Colquhoun, Costello, Currie, Ecclestone, Farquhar, Goldie, Graves, Haney, Hogarth, Homuth, Ireland, Kemp, Kenning, Lethbridge, Lyons, Macdiarmid, Miller (Haldimand), Mitchell, Morel, Murphy, McCrea, McLean, Nesbitt, Oakley, Oliver, Pinard, Price, Proulx, Raney, Reid, Robertson (Northumberland), Shaver, Sinclair, Smith (Toronto), Smye, Smyth (Dundas), Thompson (Lanark), Wilson (London)—41.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Anderson, Birkett, Calder, Cooke, Costello, Currie, Earney, Ecclestone, Finlayson, Fletcher, Gardiner, Goldie, Graves, Haney, Harcourt, Hill, Homuth, Ireland, Kennedy (Temiskaming), Kenning, Kidd, Legault, Lethbridge, Lyons, Macdiarmid, Martin (Norfolk), Mathieu, Mewhinney, Miller (Elgin), Ming, Moore, Morel, Murphy, McCrea, McNaughton, McQuibban, Newman, Oke, Oliver, Pinard, Poisson, Price, Reid, Robertson (Northumberland), Ross, Sandy, Skinner, Spence, Stedman, Stuart, Taylor, Thompson (Toronto), Thompson (Lanark), Vaughan, Weichel, Widdifield, Willson (Niagara Falls), Wilson (London), Wright (Simcoe)—60.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven Members.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BILLS.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Belanger, Costello, Finlayson, Haney, Honeywell, Martin (Brantford), Moore, McBrien, McCrea, Nesbitt, Newman, Nixon, Price, Proulx, Raney, Shaver, Sinclair, Slack, Wilson (Windsor)—20.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five Members.

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Baird, Bradburn, Carr, Godfrey, Homuth, Macaulay, Medd, Mewhinney, McCallum, McNaughton, Nesbitt, Oakley, Pearson, Pinard, Scott, Spence, Vaughan, Weichel, Wright (Simcoe)—20.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven Members.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Honourable Mr. Ferguson, Messrs. Belanger, Carr, Currie, Flett, Gardiner, Jutten, Kenning, Miller (Elgin), McGillis, McLean, Price, Proulx, Sinclair, Stedman, Thompson (Lanark), Waters, Willson (Niagara Falls), Wright (Toronto)—19.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five Members.

Mr. Widdifield asked the following Question (No. 1):—

1. Have representatives of the hotelkeepers made requests or representations to the Government in the matter of the sale of beer in hotels since the last election.
2. What were their requests or representations.

The Prime Minister answered in the following words:—

1. No.
2. Answered by reply to Question No. 1.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 85), An Act to amend The Wolf Bounty Act, 1924, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 87), An Act to amend The Mining Act of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Proulx, the Petition of the Village of Bayfield.

By Mr. Hillmer, the Petition of the Town of Georgetown.

By Mr. Wilson (Windsor), the Petition of the Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

By Mr. Waters, the Petition of the Mattagami Railway Company.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass validating certain by-laws and granting authority to divert expenditures of money.

Of the City of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain by-laws.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 88), intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Labour." *Mr. Godfrey.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 89), intituled "An Act respecting Employment Agencies." *Mr. Godfrey.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 96), intituled "An Act respecting the Control of Noxious Weeds." *Mr. Martin.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time, it was, on the motion of Mr. Homuth,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Widdifield asked the following Question (No. 3):—

1. Why was not the proposed alternative report of the Committee on Public Accounts for 1926, that was moved by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Fisher, not published in the Minutes of the Committee as they appear in the printed Journals of the Legislative Assembly for 1926. (See Journals for 1926, page 580.) 2. Does the Government purpose to take any action to repair the omission.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. It would appear from a search of the records that it has not been the practice for many years past to embody the report of the Public Accounts Committee, or any proposed alternative report or amendments, in the Minutes of the Committee. The practice has been for the Chairman to present to the House the report adopted. This is printed in the appendix to the Journals before the Minutes of the Committee. It is a matter entirely within the competency of the Committee. 2. No action proposed.

Mr. Gardiner asked the following Question (No. 4):—

Did the Hotel Association of the Province of Ontario, after the plebiscite of October, 1924, and before the introduction of the Government's beer Bill of 1925 present a petition to the Government for the right to sell $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. beer, absolute alcohol by weight, at tables. 2. Was the petition presented by a delegation. 3. Was it in compliance or in partial compliance with that petition that the Government introduced their Bill of 1925, authorizing the increase of the alcoholic content of beer from $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. proof spirit to $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. absolute alcohol by volume.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. No. 2. and 3. Answered by reply to Question No. 1.

Mr. Kemp asked the following Question (No. 7):—

1. What is the total amount that has been paid to the Ontario Government under the settlement made with the Shevelin-Clarke Company in 1922. 2. Is the said Company at present indebted to the Province under the said settlement. 3. Has any change been made in the terms of the said settlement. 4. If so, what change.

The Minister of Lands and Forests replied as follows:—

1. \$1,023,035.44. 2. No. 3. No. 4. No.

Mr. Medd asked the following Question (No. 8):—

1. When was the Ontario Public School Health Book authorized by the Minister of Education. 2. Is the subject a compulsory or an optional one. 3. If optional, with whom does the option rest. 4. What was the regulations on the subject.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. July 1st, 1925. 2. Compulsory. 3. Answered by No. 2. 4. Set forth on page 8 of the Courses of Study for Public and Separate Schools, 1926.

On motion of Mr. Lethbridge, seconded by Mr. Widdifield,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing,—1. How many Ontario breweries have been convicted for violation of the Ontario Temperance Act since the present Government came into office in July, 1923. 2. What breweries, and when, and where. 3. What penalties were incurred.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 75), An Act to add the District of Patricia to the Territorial District of Kenora, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 81), The Public Trustee Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 94), An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 88), "An Act respecting the Department of Labour." *Mr.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 89), "An Act respecting Employment Agencies." *Mr. Godfrey.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 96), "An Act respecting the Control of Noxious Weeds." *Mr. Martin.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. Homuth, seconded by Mr. Weichel,

Resolved: That in the opinion of this House, a very substantial reduction should be made by the Dominion Government in the Excise tax and duty on all malt and spirituous liquor where sales are made to the Provincial Governments or agencies created by said Governments for the administration of the law where the method of Government Control of the sale of liquor has been adopted: in accordance with the terms of the resolution passed at the Conference of Provincial Governments held in Ottawa on June the 7th, 8th and 9th, 1926, and presented to the Dominion Government.

The House then adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Poisson, the Petition of the Town of Tecumseh.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Village of Bayfield, praying that an Act may pass annulling incorporation of the village.

Of the Windsor Gas Company, praying that an Act may pass respecting borrowing powers.

Of G. H. Kilmer, H. H. Davis, J. S. Beatty, J. R. Rumball and L. A. Landriau, praying that an Act may pass incorporating the Mattagami Railroad Company.

Of the Town of Georgetown, praying that an Act may pass authorizing consolidation of floating indebtedness, also respecting debenture issue.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 9), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Bertie." *Mr. Willson* (Niagara Falls).

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 38), intituled "An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. *Mr. Thompson* (St. Davids).

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 63), intituled "An Act to amend The Marriage Act. *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 64), intituled "An Act respecting The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 62), intituled "The Housing Adjustment Act, 1927." *Mr. Macaulay*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 61), intituled "An Act to prohibit political contributions by Brewers, Distillers, Standard Hotelkeepers, Public Contractors and certain Corporations." *Mr. Raney*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 77), An Act to make certain changes in the Law in Consequence of the Revision of the Statutes, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 82), An Act respecting Juvenile Courts, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 83), An Act to amend The Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 88), An Act respecting the Department of Labour, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 89), An Act respecting Employment Agencies, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 73), An Act respecting Infants, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Kenning, the Petition of the Township of Tisdale.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 1), An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 17), An Act respecting the Corporation of the Village of Forest Hill.

Bill (No. 29), An Act respecting the Hamilton Street Railway Company.

Bill (No. 30), An Act respecting the Town of Timmins.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the Township of East York.

Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the Village of Windermere.

Bill (No. 35), An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich West.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 65), intituled "An Act respecting the Rights of Widows in the Estates of their Deceased Husbands." *Mr. Leithbridge.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 66), intituled "An Act to amend The Psychiatric Hospitals Act." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 67), intituled "The Forestry Act." *Mr. Finlayson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 68), intituled "An Act to amend The Athletic Commission Act." *Mr. Godfrey.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

Mr. Nesbitt moved, seconded by Mr. Graves,

That all the words after the first word "that" in the amendment be omitted and the following be substituted therefor:—

"This House assures Your Honour that the proposed measure for improvement in the method of control and administration of the sale of liquor will receive its most earnest and thorough consideration in order that it may advance the interests of true temperance and afford additional safeguards to all classes of the community against the evils of intemperance."

And a Debate having ensued, it was on the motion of Mr. Baird,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Thursday next.

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The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Belanger, the Petition of the Town of Eastview.

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The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Town of Tecumseh, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming a by-law respecting Town Management.

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The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 69), intituled "An Act respecting Public Health." *Mr. Godfrey.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 70), intituled "An Act to provide for Township Boards of Public School Trustees." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 97), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." *Mr. Finlayson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. McLean asked the following Question (No. 5):—

1. What has been the total cost to date of the new building on the east side of Queen's Park.
2. What will be the total cost when the building is completed.
3. What was the original estimated cost.

To which the Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. \$2,043,918.00.
2. \$2,486,989.00.
3. \$2,000,000.00, but this estimate did not include the following:—

Can. Ice Machine Co., cold storage.....	\$9,536 00
Brunswick-Balke, bowling alleys.....	7,445 00
Walsh Electric, electric fixtures.....	3,860 60
J. Lindsay, electric fixtures.....	1,072 00
A. Johnson, sidewalks.....	2,697 00
Heating and ventilation.....	128,992 00
Excavations.....	91,074 00
Additional storey for animals for Health Department.....	20,000 00
Extra cost on account of using Ontario stone.....	186,000 00
Total.....	\$450,676 60

Mr. Medd asked the following Question (No. 6):—

1. What timber limits have been leased or sold by the Government to the Shevelin-Clarke Company since the present Government came into office.
2. What was the area in each case.

The Minister of Lands and Forests replied as follows:—

- 1 (a). None leased. (b) The following limits were sold in public competition to the Shevelin-Clarke Company who were the highest bidders.

Berth	Area	Date Sold
Pt. G.B. 1.....	9 square miles.....	Sept. 10, 1923
Pt. 50.....	1½ ".....	Sept. 15, 1923
G.B. 2.....	18 ".....	Sept. 15, 1923
Southerly portion of K.....	29 ".....	Oct. 1, 1923
No. 48.....	12 ".....	Oct. 6, 1924
Island in Quetico Lake.....	¼ ".....	Sept. 18, 1925
J.A. 4.....	3 ".....	Sept. 20, 1926
S.E. Corner G. 43.....	2 ".....	Nov. 20, 1926
No. 44.....	20 ".....	Nov. 20, 1926
East Pt. 50.....	1 ".....	Nov. 20, 1926
West Pt. 50.....	6½ ".....	Nov. 20, 1926

2. Covered by No. 1.

Mr. Sandy asked the following Question (No. 10):—

1. What has been the total amount of fire insurance premiums paid by the Province of Ontario for the past four years. 2. What has been the total amount collected by the Province from the insurance companies for fire losses during those years.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. 1922-23, \$7,207.88; 1923-24, \$8,554.73; 1924-25, \$25,645.61 (including premium for three years on Parliament Buildings); 1925-26, \$8,410.41. Total, \$49,818.63. 2. \$994.08.

Mr. Raney asked the following Question (No. 9):—

1. What amount of electrical power would be produced on the St. Lawrence west of Cornwall by a one stage development. 2. What amount by a two stage development. 3. How long would be required for the construction of the first unit of the two stage system after the commencement of the work. 4. What is the estimated cost of such a unit.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1 (a). As recommended by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, in their Report to the International Joint Commission of November, 1921, the amount of continuous power would be 1,492,000 horse-power. If, at some future date, the headwater level was raised to Lake Ontario level, on the same basis, the power output would be 1,760,000 horse-power. (b) In the Report of the Joint Board of Engineers, dated November, 1926, the installed power for a single-stage development is stated to be 2,326,000 horse-power. This corresponds to the output from a development with headwater at Lake Ontario level as in (a) with an installation based upon a 78 per cent. load factor. 2 (a). As outlined in the Hydro-Electric Power Commission's Report of 1921, the amount of continuous power developed would be: (1) at Barnhart Island plant, 1,000,000 horse-power; (2) at Morrisburg plant, 600,000 horse-power. Total, 1,600,000 horse-power. (b) As outlined in the Report of the Joint Board of Engineers,

November, 1926, the installed power would be: (1) at Barnhart Island plant, 1,808,600 horse-power; (2) at Ogden Island plant, 406,400 horse-power. Total, 2,215,000 horse-power. The head as proposed for the Barnhart Island plant by the Joint Board is 12.5 feet greater, and for the Ogden Island plant 10 feet less, than those proposed for the same developments in the Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, a net increase of 2.5 feet in total head developed under the Board's scheme. This increase in head accounts for a small portion of the difference in the two figures, the greater part being due to the load factor assumed in determining the amount of power installed. 3. It would require four years to construct the first unit in either the scheme as proposed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission or by the Joint Board of Engineers. 4. For the plant at Ogden Island (Morrisburg) as proposed in the Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, 1921, the estimated cost of the first unit and providing for 14-foot navigation is \$75,223,785. Under the proposal of the Joint Board of Engineers the cost of the first unit would be approximately \$75,474,000.

Mr. McLean asked the following Question (No. 11):—

1. What was the cost of the excavation for the foundation of the new Government building on the east side of Queen's Park. 2. Who was the contractor. 3. Were tenders called for. 4. Who were the tenderers and what was the amount of the tender in each case.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. \$91,074.80. 2. Work performed by day labour to meet serious unemployment conditions. 3. Answered by No. 2. 4. Answered by No. 2.

Mr. Robertson (Huron North) asked the following Question (No. 12):—

1. How many appointments to the Civil Service have been made by the Government since December 1st, 1926. 2. How many members of the last Legislature have received appointments. 3. What are the names of such members so receiving appointments. 4. To what offices have such members severally been appointed. 5. What is the salary or remuneration attached to each such appointment of ex-members.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Appointments to fill vacancies on permanent staff, 21; promotions, 4; transfers from temporary to permanent staff, 6; new positions created, 2. 2. After the dissolution of the Legislature and they had ceased to be members, six appointments of ex-members were made. 3, 4 and 5. The names of former members receiving appointments, the positions and emoluments are as follows: G. A. Elliot, Director, Colonization Branch, Department of Agriculture, \$3,250; C. R. McKeown, Member and Chairman, Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, \$7,000; A. C. Garden, Local Registrar, Surrogate Court, Ontario and County Court Clerk and Surrogate Registrar, County of Wentworth (paid in fees); A. W. Gray, Registrar of Deeds, County of Leeds (paid in fees); R. J. Patterson, Sheriff, County of Victoria (paid in fees); Major A. C. Lewis, Clerk of Legislative Assembly, \$3,500.

Mr. Anderson asked the following Question (No. 13):—

1. Is F. H. Keefer, K.C., still the Legislative Secretary for Northern Ontario. 2. If not, when did he cease to occupy that position. 3. If he is not occupying the position, has any one been named to fill the position. 4. Has he been employed by the Government in any capacity since December 1st, 1926. 5. If he has been so employed, what are the positions and what is to be the remuneration for the services to be performed.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Mr. Keefer ceased to act as Legislative Secretary for Northern Ontario on December 1st, 1926. 2. Answered by the reply to Question No. 1. 3. There has been no appointment to the position. 4. Yes. Mr. Keefer has been retained as Counsel for the Government with regard to the Chicago drainage controversy. 5. Mr. Keefer will be paid his expenses and a reasonable Counsel fee for each day's services.

Mr. Legault asked the following Question (No. 14):—

1. Has the Government made a decision to open for settlement the Townships of Ledger, Purdom and Booth near the Town of Nipigon. 2. When is it expected that these townships will be open for settlement.

The Minister of Lands and Forests replied as follows:—

1. No. 2. No decision has been reached.

Mr. Kemp asked the following Question (No. 17):—

1. Has A. H. Beckett been appointed Public School Inspector for the County of York. 2. Has this appointment received the ratification of the Minister of Education. 3. Has A. H. Beckett a certificate of qualification referred to in The Public School Act, 1920, ch. 100, s. 103. 4. Has A. H. Beckett ever taught in a public school in Ontario, and if so, for how long, and where. 5. Has A. H. Beckett ever taught in a continuation school, high school or collegiate institute in Ontario. If so, for what period in each case and where. 6. Is A. H. Beckett a graduate of the Ontario College of Education, the former Faculty of Education or the earlier Normal College. 7. Is A. H. Beckett a graduate of a university. If so, what university. 8. Has the Minister of Education given permission under authority of The Public School Act, 1920, ch. 100, s. 103 (2) to A. H. Beckett to practice the profession of law while acting as inspector. 9. Has A. H. Beckett been employed by the Province of Ontario. If so, what department and when.

The Minister of Education replied as follows:—

1. The Department of Education has been advised by York County that Mr. Beckett was appointed by the County Council. 2. No. 3. No. 4 and 5. There is no record of it in the Department of Education. 6. No. 7. There is no record of it in the Department of Education. 8. No. 9. He was engaged temporarily in 1926 in the Legal Department.

Mr. Kemp asked the following Question (No. 18):—

1. What amount of revenue was received from the tax on native wine under Section 4 of The Luxury Tax Act of 1925 for the years of 1925 and 1926. 2. Are the receipts for 1925 for the full year. If not, for what part. 3. Is the tax collected upon wine purchased for sale in Government Dispensaries. If so, how much has been collected. 4. How many gallons of native wine were purchased during those years for Government Dispensaries, and from whom purchased.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. May 15th, 1925, to October 31st, 1925, \$53,433.38; November 1st, 1925, to October 31st, 1926, \$174,576.98. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. No. 4. 1925, 1,455 gallons; 1926, 1,050 gallons. Purchased from T. G. Bright & Co., Niagara Falls, Ont.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the Township of East York.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the Village of Windermere.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 35), An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich West.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 63), An Act to amend The Marriage Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 96), An Act respecting the Control of Noxious Weeds, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

The House then adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Baird, the Petition of the City of Toronto.

By Mr. Nesbitt, two Petitions of the City of Toronto.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Township of Tisdale, praying that an Act may pass respecting validation and confirmation of a certain by-law; also, for power to levy a special rate in a particular School Section.

Mr. McBrien from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presents the following as their Second Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient.

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, praying that an Act may pass to amend Section 7, Chap. 145, 3 George V, by increasing the value of property permitted to be held by the Corporation from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt of the town and to confirm by-laws respecting the construction of watermains and street widening.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Teck, praying that an Act may pass confirming a by-law respecting assessments, also validating agreements respecting water supply.

Of the Young Women's Christian Association of London, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the holding of real estate outside the City of London.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Ojibway, praying that an Act may pass confirming an agreement made between the Town and the County of Essex.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain by-laws.

Of the Corporation of the City of London, praying that an Act may pass respecting assessments, borrowing money, the Western Fair Association and other matters.

Of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass respecting financial arrangements and payments in connection with the purchase of schools.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, praying that an Act may pass confirming a by-law respecting town management.

Of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, praying that an Act may pass respecting the tax payable under The Statute Labour Act.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming certain by-laws.

Of the Windsor Gas Company, praying that an Act may pass respecting the borrowing powers of the company.

Of the Township of York, praying that an Act may pass respecting assessments, validation of debenture by-laws and validation and confirmation of an agreement with the Toronto Transportation Commission.

Of the Board of Education of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the creation of a fund to be known as The Board of Education Insurance Fund.

Of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada at Wick, praying that an Act may pass authorizing a new vote respecting Church Union.

Of the Corporation of the City of Sarnia, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming an agreement and by-law respecting the construction and sale of a grain elevator.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday the fourth day of March next.

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday the fourth day of March next.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Second Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Town of Kapuskasing.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 21), An Act respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the District of Thunder Bay.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 98), intituled "An Act to amend The Consolidated Municipal Act." *Mr. McBrien.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 37), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury." *Mr. Robb.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 3), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada." *Mr. Weichel.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 18), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Cobalt." *Mr. Kennedy* (Temiskaming).

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 46), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Fort William." *Mr. Spence.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 42), intituled "An Act respecting the City of London." *Mr. Moore.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 14), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario." *Mr. Moore.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 31), intituled "An Act to confirm a certain agreement made between the Municipal Corporation of the County of Essex and the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Ojibway." *Mr. Poisson.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 11), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich." *Mr. Reid.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 22), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of York." *Mr. Macaulay.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 12), intituled "An Act respecting the East York—Leaside Viaduct." *Mr. Macaulay.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 28), intituled "An Act respecting the Board of Education of the City of Toronto." *Mr. McBrien.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 45), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sarnia." *Mr. Haney.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 32), intituled "An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick." *Mr. Haney.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 99), intituled "An Act to amend The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act." *Mr. Acres.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

The Amendment to the Amendment having been put, was carried.

The main Motion, as amended having been submitted, was then carried.

And it was,

Resolved: That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

To His Honour, William Donald Ross, Lieutenant-Governor of our Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us, and to add that:—

"This House assures Your Honour that the proposed measure for improvement in the method of control and administration of the sale of liquor will receive its most earnest and thorough consideration in order that it may advance the interests of true temperance and afford additional safeguards to all classes of the community against the evils of intemperance."

The Address, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by those Members of this House who are Members of the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Price,

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next resolve itself into the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 77), To make certain changes in the Law in consequence of the Revision of the Statutes, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 96), An Act respecting Noxious Weeds, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Town of Eastview, praying that an Act may pass ratifying and confirming a by-law; also, to consolidate floating indebtedness.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Preston." *Mr. Homuth.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 24), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Teck." *Mr. Kenning.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act respecting the Windsor Gas Company." *Mr. Wilson (Windsor).*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 48), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Tecumseh." *Mr. Poisson.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 100), intituled "An Act respecting the Protection of Cattle." *Mr. Martin.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 101), intituled "An Act to amend The Consolidated Municipal Act." *Mr. Ecclestone.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 102), intituled "An Act to amend The Line Fences Act." *Mr. Ecclestone.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Taylor asked the following Question (No. 21):—

1. Was Mr. Stewart McClenaghan whose name has been mentioned by the Prime Minister as a member of the Provincial Government Liquor Control Board, formerly in business in Ottawa. 2. In what business, and under what name. 3. What is Mr. McClenaghan's present business or occupation.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. Under the firm name "The Two Macs." 3. The Government has no information as to what business he is at present engaged in.

Mr. Fletcher asked the following Question (No. 22):—

1. What councils of counties, cities or separated towns have passed by-laws appointing inspectors under The Corn Borer Acts of 1925 and 1926. 2. In what cases were such by-laws passed after notice to them in writing from the Provincial Entomologist. 3. What amounts of money have been paid to municipal corporations by the Province under The Corn Borer Act, 1926, for inspectors' salaries and expenses and to what corporations have they been paid.

The Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1. Elgin, Kent, Middlesex, Oxford, Lambton, Norfolk, Essex and Prince Edward. 2. Interviews took place from time to time between the Provincial Entomologist and representatives of the councils, making notice in writing unnecessary. 3. The amount of monies paid to municipal corporations by the Province under The Corn Borer Act, 1926, for inspectors' salaries and expenses, etc., is as follows:—

Treasurer, County of Elgin.....	\$168 00
" County of Kent.....	140 73
" County of Middlesex.....	96 00
" County of Oxford.....	128 00
" County of Lambton.....	248 79
" County of Norfolk.....	96 50
" County of Essex.....	305 30
" County of Prince Edward.....	211 57

Mr. Miller (Elgin East) asked the following Question (No. 23):—

1. What was the amount of money on deposit in the Government Savings Offices on October 31st, 1926.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. The amount of money on deposit in the Government Savings Offices on October 31st, 1926—\$18,366,363.52.

Mr. Mewhinney asked the following Question (No. 24):—

1. Has any action been taken by the Government following the work of the Agricultural Enquiry Committee to effect closer co-operation between the various Provinces of the Dominion for the furtherance of the plans of the Imperial Government for placing the products of Ontario more advantageously before the British consumer.

The Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1. The Government has been and still is in communication with other Provinces in furtherance of these plans but it is not in the public interest to make known the nature or progress of these negotiations at the present time.

Mr. Mitchell asked the following Question (No. 25):—

1. What is the total amount of revenue collected from October 31st, 1925, to October 31st, 1926, under The Luxury Tax, 1925, upon each of the following beverages taxed by said Act: (a) Beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent. by volume at sixty degrees Fahrenheit of absolute alcohol, and not more than two and one-half per cent. by volume at sixty degrees Fahrenheit of absolute alcohol; (b) Wine containing more than two and one-half per cent. by volume at sixty degrees Fahrenheit of absolute alcohol; (c) Beverages taxable by said Act and not included in classes "A" and "B." 2. What was the total cost to the Province for collecting the taxes under said Act from October 31st, 1925, to October 31st, 1926, including inspectors and all services required to collect the same.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1 (a). October 31st, 1925, to October 31st, 1926, \$146,642.88; (b) October 31st, 1925, to October 31st, 1926, \$174,576.98; (c) October 31st, 1925, to October 31st, 1926, \$25,725.03. 2. Impossible to give exact figures, as the Luxury Tax Inspectors were also engaged in inspecting and collecting arrears of stock transfer tax and filing fees payable under The Companies Act. The total expenditures on this work, including luxury tax expenditure was \$23,090.32.

Mr. Anderson asked the following Question (No. 26):—

1. What has been the total cost to the Province of Ontario of the Agricultural Enquiry Committee which was appointed by the Legislature on April 17th, 1924.

The Minister of Agriculture replied in the following figures:—

1. \$26,186.79.

Mr. Miller (Haldimand) asked the following Question (No. 27):—

1. How many applications for refunds by farmers have been made under The Gasoline Tax Act, 1925, during the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1926.
2. What amount of money has been refunded to farmers as a result of such applications during the last fiscal year. 3. What classes of purchasers of gasoline have been granted exemption under The Gasoline Tax Act, 1925, section 5, subsection (d). 4. What is the total amount of the refunds paid to all classes of purchasers so exempted, during the last fiscal year.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. 2,610. 2. \$30,177.23. 3. No exemptions, but following classes have received refunds: manufacturers, motor boat users, farmers, stationary engine users, cleaners and pressers, lumbermen and aviators. 4. No exemptions, but \$157,084.26 has been refunded.

Mr. Belanger asked the following Question (No. 28):—

1. Has any action been taken by the Government to establish a Provincial Co-operative Council to assist co-operative organizations in bringing into existence necessary intermediate agencies between farmer and consumer as recommended by the Agricultural Enquiry Committee, second report, pages 6 and 17.

The Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1. The matter has been taken up with the United Farmers' Co-operative Organization and several individuals interested in the problem, and progress is being made.

On motion of Mr. McQuibban, seconded by Mr. Fletcher,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing all regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under and by virtue of Section 5 of The Gasoline Tax Act, 1925.

On motion of Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing all regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under and by virtue of Section 7 of The Luxury Tax Act, 1925.

On motion of Mr. Bragg, seconded by Mr. Mewhinney,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the amount of insurance carried on each parcel of property, real and personal, of the Province of Ontario, with the names and addresses of the agents who placed the various insurances.

On motion of Mr. Slack, seconded by Mr. Raney,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing what companies and municipalities in Ontario pay rentals for the use of water powers they are utilizing, and how much was paid in each case last year.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 1), "An Act respecting the City of Hamilton." *Mr. Jutten.*

Bill (No. 17), "An Act respecting the Corporation of the Village of Forest Hill." *Mr. Macaulay.*

Bill (No. 30), "An Act respecting the Town of Timmins." *Mr. Kenning.*

Bill (No. 10), "An Act respecting the Town of Kapuskasing." *Mr. Waters.*

Bill (No. 5), "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." *Mr. Nesbitt.*

Bill (No. 21), "An Act respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the District of Thunder Bay." *Mr. Spence.*

Bill (No. 67), "The Forestry Act." *Mr. Finlayson.*

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Sixth Annual Report of the Ontario Athletic Commission for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 31.*)

Also, Regulations and Orders in Council made under the authority of The Department of Education Act or of the Acts relating to Public Schools, Separate Schools or High Schools. (*Sessional Papers No. 32.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McGillis, the Petition of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Martintown.

By Mr. Honeywell, the Petition of the City of Ottawa and the Council of the Township of Nepean.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass validating a certain by-law; also, to consolidate floating indebtedness.

Of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass respecting the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto.

Of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass respecting the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 65), An Act respecting the Rights of Widows in the Estates of their Deceased Husbands.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Bills.

Bill (No. 69), An Act respecting Public Health.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 97), An Act to amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 29), An Act respecting the Hamilton Street Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 98), An Act to amend The Consolidated Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 66), An Act to amend The Psychiatric Hospitals Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the Township of East York.

Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the Village of Windermere.

Bill (No. 35), An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich West.

Bill (No. 1), An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 17), An Act respecting the Corporation of the Village of Forest Hill.

Bill (No. 30), An Act respecting the Town of Timmins.

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Town of Kapuskasing.

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 21), An Act respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the District of Thunder Bay.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Third Report which was read as follows and adopted:

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 8). An Act respecting the Village of Humberstone.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the Township of Bertie.

Bill (No. 15), An Act respecting the Township of North York.

Mr. Goldie presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the twelve months ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 1.*)

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Ferguson delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

WILLIAM DUNCAN ROSS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1927, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, February 21st, 1927.

(*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Monteith moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on the motion of Mr. Miller (Haldimand),

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 100), An Act respecting Protection of Cattle.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 101), An Act to amend The Consolidated Municipal Act.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

Bill (No. 102), An Act to amend The Line Fences Act.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 97), An Act to amend The Assessment Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 66), An Act to amend The Psychiatric Hospitals Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 67), The Forestry Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. McCrea,

Ordered, That there be added to the Public Accounts Committee the name of Mr. Monteith; to the Game and Fish Committee, the name of Mr. Robb; to the Private Bills Committee, the name of Mr. Shields.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Regulations and Orders in Council made under the authority of The Department of Education Act or of the Acts relating to Public Schools, Separate Schools or High Schools. (*Sessional Papers, No. 32.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health of Ontario for year 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 14.*)

Also, Return to the Order of the House, dated 18th February, 1927, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing all regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under and by virtue of Section 7 of The Luxury Tax Act, 1925. (*Sessional Papers, No. 33.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

Mr. McQuibban, the Petition of the Wellington County Council.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Martintown, praying that an Act may pass vesting the buildings and premises of Burn's Church in Trustees for the use and benefit of the petitioners.

Of the City of Ottawa and the Township Council of Nepean, praying that an Act may pass ratifying and confirming an agreement.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 104), intituled "An Act to amend The Assignment of Book Debts Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 103), intituled "An Act to amend The Bulk Sales Act, 1917." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 105), intituled "An Act to amend The Voters' Lists Act of 1926." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 106), intituled "An Act to amend The Wages Amendment Act of 1920." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 113), intituled "An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 107), intituled "An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 108), intituled "An Act to amend The County Judges Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 109), intituled "An Act to amend The Judicature Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 110), intituled "An Act to improve the Quality of Dairy Products." *Mr. Martin.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 111), intituled "An Act to amend The Milk, Cheese and Butter Act." *Mr. Martin.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 112), intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act of 1927." *Mr. Finlayson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. McCallum asked the following Question (No. 30):—

1. Does the Hydro-Electric Power Commission pay rentals for the use of the water powers of the Province. 2. If so, on what power developments. 3. How much was paid last year in respect of each development. 4. What use was made of these funds.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. Niagara Developments: Queenston, Ontario Power Company and Toronto Power Company; Nipigon Developments: Cameron Falls; Severn Developments: Big Chute; Muskoka Developments: South Falls and Hanna Chute. 3. Niagara Developments: Queenston plant, \$325,000.00; Ontario Power Company, \$204,940.73; Toronto Power Company, \$73,274.10. Nipigon plant, \$39,798.50. Severn Developments, Big Chute, \$1,000.00. Muskoka Developments, South Falls, Hanna Chute, \$613.85. 4. The payments go into the Consolidated Revenue of the Province, with the exception of the payments on account of the Ontario Power Company and the Toronto Power Company, both of which are made to the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission and are used for the upkeep of the park; the surplus over the upkeep being returned to the Province.

Mr. Robertson asked the following Question (No. 20):—

1. What was the amount of the deficit on the operation of the Peterborough Radial Railway by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1926.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Deficit on account of operating expenses, \$33,833.20; interest charged, \$16,490.67.

Mr. Nixon asked the following Question (No. 31):—

1. Does the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission undertake the beautifying and care of private property in the Niagara District. 2. If so, what properties are so cared for. 3. What is the annual cost of such care.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. No. 2 and 3. Answered by the reply to Question No. 1.

Mr. Raney asked the following Question (No. 19):—

1. On what occasion or occasions prior to the adoption of the resolution of Friday, the 11th instant, expressing the views of this Legislature on the subject of the Dominion Excise tax on malt and spirituous liquors, has this House offered the Dominion Government the benefit of its advice on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada. 2. Has the Parliament of Canada ever offered advice to this Legislature. 3. If so, when and in what matter or matters.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. A complete answer to this question would involve a careful examination of the records of the House for every Session since Confederation. Without attempting such a complete examination, the following instances are recalled:—

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1888.

Feb. 29th—Motion of Mr. Mowat for the adoption of the resolutions of the Quebec Conference, recommending changes in the constitution of the Senate, the use of Provincial Voters' Lists in the Dominion elections, readjustment of the Provincial subsidies and other matters.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1899.

Mar. 16th—Resolution of Honourable A. S. Hardy, Attorney-General, in favour of Senate reform and the appointment of Senators for a limited term only.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1911.

Mar. 9th—Resolution of Sir James Whitney protesting against the proposed reciprocity arrangement between the Dominion and the United States.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1920.

Apr. 14th—Resolution of Mr. McCreary, requesting the Dominion Government to cause a vote of the people to be taken on the question of the importation of intoxicating liquors.

May 3rd—Resolution by Honourable Mr. Carmichael, urging upon the Dominion Government the reconsideration of its reported intention to move certain soldier patients from Euclid Hall, Toronto, to Burlington.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1921.

Apr. 29th—Resolution by Honourable Mr. Rollo, recommending that a conference be held between the Dominion Government and the Governments of the various Provinces on the subject of unemployment insurance, old age pensions, eight-hour day and other matters.

Apr. 29th—Resolution by Mr. Fowler, declaring that certain Hearst publications should be excluded from circulation in Canada, and asking the Dominion Government to take action.

Apr. 29th—Resolution by Mr. Heenan, asking the Dominion Government to amend The Federal Railways Act so that Members of the Legislature be given free transportation on National Railways through all parts of Canada.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1922.

June 9th—Resolution of Mr. Homuth, that it is desirable that all branch lines of the Canadian National Railway in Ontario, running through districts in which electrical power can be supplied by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, should be electrified.

June 9th—Resolution of Mr. Lewis, urging the Government of Canada to take steps for the improvement of navigation facilities of the St. Lawrence River.

Feb. 27th—Resolution by Honourable Mr. Doherty, urging that action be taken by the Dominion Railway Board to bring about a substantial reduction in freight rates.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1923.

May 4th—Resolution of Mr. McNamara, urging co-operation by the Dominion Government and other Governments concerned in the development of electrical power in the St. Lawrence River.

May 4th—Resolution of Mr. McNamara, approving of the decision of the Dominion Government to erect a suitable monument on Vimy Ridge to commemorate the achievements of the Canadian forces in the Great War.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE, 1924.

Apr. 4th—Resolution of Mr. Keefer, recommending the Government of Canada to request the Government of the United States to take and exercise control over works that permit of the Chicago diversion of water from the Great Lakes.

2. An answer to this question would involve a similar examination of the records of the Parliament of Canada. No such examination has been made for this purpose and therefore the information is not available. 3. Answered by the reply to Question No. 2.

Apart from any resolutions adopted by the Dominion Parliament, the views of Parliament on Provincial matters have been communicated from time to time to the Provincial Government through the exercise of the power of disallowance; through the enactment of legislation properly within the jurisdiction of the Province; through the expression of opinions on provincial legislation by the Minister of Justice on applications for disallowance; through the

assumption of jurisdiction over property vested in the Province, and through the medium of conferences between the Provincial and the Dominion Governments held at various times.

It is apparent that the Parliament of Canada assumes to occupy a different position toward the Provinces than the Provinces occupy toward the Parliament of Canada. In the case of the Federal Parliament it sometimes exercises paramount authority over matters clearly within the jurisdiction of the Province, and instead of tendering advice, it declares works under provincial jurisdiction to be for the general advantage of Canada, as has been done with regard to a number of railways and public works, and thus brings them under its own jurisdiction without consultation with the Province.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Village of Humberstone.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the Township of Bertie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 15), An Act respecting the Township of North York.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 99), An Act to amend The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Laws.

Bill (No. 61), An Act to prohibit Political Contributions by Brewers, Distillers, Standard Hotelkeepers, Public Contractors and certain Corporations.

Referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Bill (No. 62), The Housing Adjustment Act, 1927.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Laws.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 69), An Act respecting Public Health, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Lanark) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report which was read as follows and adopted:

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the Township of Thorold.

Bill (No. 14), An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario.

Bill (No. 37), An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 38), An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend The Act to incorporate Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Bill (No. 18), An Act respecting the Town of Cobalt.

Your Committee would recommend that the fees, less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 3), "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada"; Bill (No. 14), "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario," and Bill (No. 38), "An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada," on the ground that they are ones relating to Religious Institutions.

Ordered, That the fees, less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 3), "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada"; Bill (No. 14), "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario," and Bill (No. 38), "An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada," on the ground that they are ones relating to Religious Institutions.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 104), An Act to amend The Assignment of Book Debts Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 103), An Act to amend The Bulk Sales Act, 1917.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 105), An Act to amend The Voters' Lists Act, 1926.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 106), An Act to amend The Wages Amendment Act, 1920.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 113), An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 107), An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 108), An Act to amend The County Judges' Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 109), An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 110), An Act to improve the Quality of Dairy Products.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 111), An Act to amend The Milk, Cheese and Butter Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 112), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1927.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider the following Bill (No. 29), An Act respecting The Hamilton Street Railway Company, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Graves reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill reported, be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Lyons,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Reid, the Petition of the North Anderdon Shooting Club.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Wellington County Council, praying that an Act may pass to amend The Assessment Act.

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders beg leave to present the following as their Third Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chappleau, praying that an Act may pass respecting the limits and boundaries of the Township.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Nipigon, praying that an Act may pass confirming tax sales prior to 31st December, 1925.

Of the Corporation of the Township of Cornwall, praying that an Act may pass validating an Agreement between the Corporation and the Canadian Cellulose Company Limited and a By-law respecting the same.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Almonte, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their floating debt and to authorize the Corporation to raise by loan \$10,000 for road construction.

Of the Village of Bayfield, praying that an Act may pass annulling the incorporation of the Village and erecting it into a Police Village.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass validating certain By-laws and for other purposes.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Dundas, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to enter on private lands for the purpose of removing obstructions from streams and constructing drains.

Of G. H. Kilmer and others of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Mattagami Railroad Company.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Palmerston, praying that an Act may pass validating a By-law respecting the purchase of a Private Hospital by the Corporation.

Of the Essex Border Utilities Commission, praying that an Act may pass respecting equalization of payments for work from which various municipalities derive benefit.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures for the purpose of defraying Grants to Hospitals and other purposes.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass requiring the Consumers' Gas Company of the City of Toronto to charge for gas on a flat rate basis without meter charge.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass respecting Audits and Annual Statements by the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Tisdale, praying that an Act may pass validating and confirming a By-law, also giving authority to levy a special rate to defray the cost of construction of water and sewage works.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be suspended in this that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday the 4th day of March next.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ordered, That Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be suspended in this that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday the 4th day of March next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 114), intituled "An Act to amend The Cemetery Act." *Mr. Nesbitt*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 115), intituled "An Act to amend The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1922." *Mr. Macaulay*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 116), intituled "An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act, 1926." *Mr. Henry*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 117), intituled "An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1923." *Mr. Henry*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 118), intituled "An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act, 1923." *Mr. Henry*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 119), intituled "An Act to amend The Power Commission Act." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 120), intituled "An Act to amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Slack asked the following Question (No. 32):—

1. Who was in charge of the work of excavation of the new block in Queen's Park.
2. How much was he paid for his services.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. T. A. Murphy.
2. The usual ten per cent. payable in such cases amounting to \$9,107.48.

Mr. McCallum asked the following Question (No. 33):—

1. What has been the cost of the maintenance of Government House each year for the past seven years.
2. How many servants are maintained by the Government at Government House.
3. How many automobiles.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. 1920, \$30,036.72; 1921, \$33,086.38; 1922, \$33,136.37; 1923, \$56,386.79; 1924, \$42,252.54; 1925, \$41,605.75; 1926, \$39,143.09.
2. Three permanent, fourteen temporary.
3. None.

Mr. Lethbridge asked the following Question (No. 37):—

1. How many school teachers of the Province went on the Northern Ontario trip given by the Educational Department in 1926.
2. Were all the teachers of the Province given a chance to take part in the trip.
3. If not, how were they selected or chosen.
4. Did the Government pay all their expenses.
5. What was the amount spent by the Government in financing this trip.

The Minister of Education replied as follows:—

1. (1926) No excursions have been given by the Department of Education to school teachers to Northern Ontario. On several occasions the teachers have conducted trips to Northern Ontario under arrangements made by their own organizations, and the Government has contributed, in the interests of education, so as to lessen the expense to the individual teacher who wishes to acquire a knowledge of this Province. There was no such trip in 1926, but there was one in 1925. The information of the Department of Education with reference to this trip is embodied in the following answers to the questions submitted applying them to the year 1925. (1925) 177.
2. No.
3. Each teachers' institute notified and permitted to nominate two representatives.
4. No.
5. \$8,000.00.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the Township of Thorold.

Bill (No. 37), An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 38), An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend the Act to incorporate Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Bill (No. 18), An Act respecting the Town of Cobalt.

Bill (No. 68), An Act to amend The Athletic Commission Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), An Act respecting protection of Cattle, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 111), An Act to amend The Milk, Cheese and Butter Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 110), An Act to improve the Quality of Dairy Products, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 103), An Act to amend The Bulk Sales Act, 1917, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 105), An Act to amend The Voters' Lists Act, 1926, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 113), An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 107), An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 84), An Act respecting The Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the North Anderdon Shooting Club, praying that an Act may pass declaring the Club to be a Corporation without share capital.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 76), An Act to amend The Arbitrations Act.

Bill (No. 78), The Minors' Protection Act.

Bill (No. 79), An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

Bill (No. 93), An Act to encourage Planting and Growing of Trees.

Bill (No. 91), The Fire Departments Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 95), To amend The Provincial Loans Act.

Bill (No. 85), To amend The Wolf Bounty Act, 1924.

Bill (No. 75), To add the District of Patricia to the Territorial District of Kenora.

Bill (No. 81), The Public Trustee Act.

Bill (No. 94), To amend The Statute Labour Act.

Bill (No. 88), An Act respecting the Department of Labour.

Bill (No. 89), An Act respecting Employment Agencies.

Bill (No. 96), An Act respecting the Control of Noxious Weeds.

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the Township of East York.

Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the Village of Windermere.

Bill (No. 35), An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich West.

Bill (No. 1), An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 17), An Act respecting the Corporation of the Village of Forest Hill.

Bill (No. 30), An Act respecting the Town of Timmins.

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Town of Kapuskasing.

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 21), An Act respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the District of Thunder Bay.

Bill (No. 97), An Act to amend The Assessment Act.

Bill (No. 69), An Act respecting Public Health.

Bill (No. 29), An Act respecting The Hamilton Street Railway Company.

Bill (No. 100), An Act respecting Protection of Cattle.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act to define the Boundaries or Limits of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chapleau." *Mr. Robb.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 25), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Nipigon." *Mr. Hogarth.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Cornwall." *Mr. McNaughton.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 26), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Almonte." *Mr. Thompson (Lanark).*

Referred to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Bayfield." *Mr. Proulx.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 41), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa." *Mr. Pinard.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 44), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Mattagami Railroad Company." *Mr. Waters.*

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 36), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston." *Mr. McQuibban.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 27), intituled "An Act respecting the Essex Border Utilities Commission." *Mr. Reid.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 51), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." *Mr. Baird.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 49), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale." *Mr. Kenning.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 123), intituled "An Act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 121), intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Mining Law of Ontario." *Mr. McCrea.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend The Board of Education Act." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 120), An Act to amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 119), An Act to amend The Power Commission Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Slack asked the following Question (No. 36):—

1. What was the percentage of gross profit of the liquor dispensaries last year. 2. What was the percentage of net profit. 3. What were these percentages for each year since the dispensaries were opened.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. 24.27 per cent. 2. 14.92 per cent.
3,—

				Percentage of Gross Profit	Percentage of Net Profit
For	7 months ending	December 31st, 1919.....		35.47	20.20
"	12 "	" December 31st, 1920....		41.06	25.57
"	12 "	" December 31st, 1921....		36.56	21.98
"	10 "	" October 31st, 1922.....		33.81	22.27
"	12 "	" October 31st, 1923.....		30.61	20.42
"	12 "	" October 31st, 1924.....		27.05	17.45
"	12 "	" October 31st, 1925.....		25.98	16.71
"	12 "	" October 31st, 1926.....		24.27	14.92

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Village of Humberstone.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the Township of Bertie.

Bill (No. 15), An Act respecting the Township of North York.

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the Township of Thorold.

Bill (No. 37), An Act respecting the Township of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 38), An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend the Act to incorporate Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Bill (No. 18), An Act respecting the Town of Cobalt.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 63), An Act to amend The Marriage Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 108), An Act to amend The County Judges Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 68), An Act to amend The Athletic Commission Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 106), An Act to amend The Wages Amendment Act, 1920, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The House then adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifth Report which was read as follows and adopted:

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 32), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick.

Bill (No. 48), An Act respecting the Town of Tecumseh.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:

Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Township of Teck.

Bill (No. 40), An Act respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 46), An Act respecting the City of Fort William.

Your Committee would recommend that the fees, less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 32), "An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick," on the ground that it is one relating to a Religious Institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 32), "An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick," on the ground that it is one relating to a Religious Institution.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 124), intituled "An Act to amend The Mining Tax Act." *Mr. McCrea*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 125), intituled "An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Stamford and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Upon reference under Rule 61a of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 34), 1927, entitled "An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that such Bill, in so far as it provides for the consolidation of the floating debt, should be passed by your Honourable House as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. R. McKEOWN, *Chairman.*

A. B. INGRAM, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. A. ELLIS, *Commissioner.*

Dated at Toronto,
the 1st day of March, A.D. 1927.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 126), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." *Mr. McBrien*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Ross asked the following Question (No. 34):—

1. How many automobiles were maintained last year by the Province for the use of the Ministers. How many drivers. 2. At what cost. 3. How many automobiles were purchased last year for this purpose. 4. What was the total expenditure under this head.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. One car was maintained for the use of the Prime Minister and his Department. One car was maintained for the use of the Minister of Public Works and Highways and his Departments. Six cars were maintained for the use of the other Ministers and their several Departments. There were seven drivers. 2. Wages paid to drivers were as follows: One at \$30.15 a week; one at \$29.92 a week; three at \$28.00 a week; and two at \$27.00 a week. 3. One. 4. Expenditures in addition to wages: Operating expenses, \$9,507.21; new car purchased, \$2,703.00 in cash with allowance of \$600.00 on old car turned in.

Mr. Sandy asked the following Question (No. 35):—

1. What assets acquired under the purchase of the Central Ontario System, not used for the development or distribution of Hydro power are still owned by the Province. 2. Which of them are being operated by or on behalf of the Government. 3. What was the profit or loss of such operation for the past year in each case. 4. Where there was a profit, what disposition was made of it. 5. Where there was a loss by whom was it borne.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Gas plants at Cobourg, Napanee, Oshawa and Peterborough; water works plant at Cobourg; street railway at Peterborough, and pulp mill at Campbellford. 2. All except the Napanee gas plant. 3. Gas plant, Cobourg, loss, \$3,504.55; gas plant, Oshawa, profit, \$10,698.42; gas plant, Peterborough, profit, \$8,714.35; pulp mill, Campbellford, loss, \$46,341.84; water works, Cobourg, profit, \$3,627.90; Peterborough Street Railway, operating deficit, \$33,833.20; interest, \$16,490.67. The above items include charges of \$58,217.52 for power supplied to pulp mill, and \$14,546.11 to Peterborough Street Railway, for which

power no other market was available. These items, less power, show surplus for pulp mill of \$11,875.68 and operating deficit of \$19,287.09 for the railway.

4. Credited to the operation of the Central Ontario System properties as a whole.
5. Charged to the operation of the Central Ontario System properties as a whole.

Mr. Oke asked the following Question (No. 39):—

1. Has there been any increase in the salaries of Public School Inspectors during the last year. If so, how much, and when did such increase commence.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. \$200.00 fiscal year 1925-1926. 3. November 1st, 1925.

Mr. Raney asked the following Question (No. 40):—

1. What sums have been carried to the credit of the Hydro-Electric Power Extension Fund Account each year since the enactment of The Rural Hydro-Electric Distribution Act of 1921. 2. How much has been paid each year by the Government by way of bonus to rural Hydro-Electric lines.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. The Hydro-Electric Power Extension Fund has not been established, for the reason set forth on page 123 of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, 1926: "That the legislation purporting to establish the Fund was not found to be workable." 2. The following amount has been paid each year by way of bonus to rural Hydro-Electric lines: October, 1923, \$425,000.00; October, 1924, \$769,422.71; October, 1925, \$98,978.62; October, 1926, \$520,691.28; October, 1927, \$275,308.72. Total, \$2,089,401.33. Total bonus authorized so far by Orders-in-Council, \$2,457,597.11.

Mr. Ming asked the following Question (No. 49):—

1. What is the occupation and address of Thos. Hook to whom was paid the sum of \$5,000 under the Succession Duties Branch as appears on page O 9 of the Public Accounts for 1926. 2. What were the services rendered for which said sum was paid. 3. How long was he occupied in rendering said services. 4. Was he obliged to forego the carrying on of his usual occupation while rendering said services.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. The late Thomas Hook carried on a business in real estate, insurance and arbitrations at 79 Victoria Street. 2. He was retained by the Succession Duties Branch to re-value the various parcels of real property of the Estate of

the late Sir John Eaton, valued at \$8,243,709.00, for which he was allowed the usual fee of one-tenth of one per cent., amounting to \$8,243.70, of which the \$5,000.00 referred to was a payment on account. 3. Instructions issued July 28th, 1925; report received December 15th, 1925; work was done between these dates. 4. This was his usual occupation.

Mr. Pearson asked the following Question (No. 51):—

1. How many public vehicles were granted licenses in 1926 for which the Province received the sum of \$87,085.26 as appears on page 21 of the Public Accounts for 1926.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied in the following figures:—

1. 370.

Mr. Fletcher asked the following Question (No. 52):—

1. How many commercial permits were issued in 1926 for which the Province received the sum of \$1,059,944.69, as appears on page 21 of the Public Accounts for 1926.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied with the following figures:—

1. 40,178.

Mr. Miller (Elgin) asked the following Question (No. 53):—

1. How many automobile permits were issued in 1926 for which the Province received the sum of \$4,972,247.97, as appears on page 21 of the Public Accounts for 1926.

The Minister of Public Works replied in the following figures:—

1. 347,079.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 64), An Act respecting Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 123), An Act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 122), An Act to amend The Boards of Education Act.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14), An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Township of Teck.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 40), An Act respecting The Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 46), An Act respecting the City of Fort William.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Widdifield,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Upon reference under Rule 61a of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 6), 1927, entitled "An Act respecting the Town of Preston," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that such Bill, in so far as it provides for the consolidation of the floating debt, should be passed by your Honourable House as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. R. McKEOWN, *Chairman.*
A. B. INGRAM, *Vice-Chairman.*
J. A. ELLIS, *Commissioner.*

Dated at Toronto,
the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1927.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the Town of Preston, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Sixth Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the East York-Leaside Viaduct.

Bill (No. 36), An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston.

Bill (No. 45), An Act respecting the City of Sarnia.

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale.

Your Committee would recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Thursday the 17th day of March.

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 51 of your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Thursday the 17th day of March.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And the House having continued to sit until twelve of the Clock Midnight, Friday, 4th March, 1927,

The Debate continued,

And after some time, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Minister of Public Works for year ending October, 1926. (Sessional Papers, No. 28.)

Also—Report of the Department of Labour for the year ending October, 1926. (Sessional Papers, No. 10.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th February, 1927, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing all regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under and by virtue of Section 5 of The Gasoline Tax Act, 1925. (Sessional Papers, No. 34.)

The House then adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Poisson, the Petition of the Town of Leamington.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Upon reference under Rule 61a of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 4), 1927, entitled "An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that such Bill should be passed by your Honourable House as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. McKEOWN, *Chairman.*

A. B. INGRAM, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. A. ELLIS, *Commissioner.*

Dated at Toronto,
the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1927.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Mr. McBrien, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, beg leave to present the following as their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Town Council of Georgetown, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the consolidation of their floating indebtedness.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Eastview, praying that an Act may pass ratifying and confirming By-law 594 and consolidating the floating debt of the town.

Of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Martintown, praying that an Act may pass vesting the buildings and premises of Burns Church in Trustees for the use and benefit of the said congregation.

Of the North Anderdon Shooting Club, praying that an Act may pass declaring the Club to be a Corporation without share capital.

Of the City Council of Ottawa and the Township Council of Nepean, praying that an Act may pass ratifying and confirming an agreement.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of your Honourable House be further suspended in this that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday the 11th day of March instant, and that the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday the 11th day of March instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ordered, That Rule No. 51 of your Honourable House be further suspended in this that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday the 11th day of March instant, and that the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Friday the 11th day of March instant.

Mr. Finlayson, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and beg to report the same with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 62), An Act respecting Houses erected under The Ontario Housing Act, 1919.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 50), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Eastview." *Mr. Pinard*.

Referred to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 52), intituled "An Act respecting the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto." *Mr. Nesbitt*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 47), intituled "An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown." *Mr. Hillmer*.

Referred to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 56), intituled "An Act respecting the North Anderdon Shooting Club." *Mr. Reid*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 55), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa and the Township of Nepean." *Mr. Honeywell.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 53), intituled "An Act respecting the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto." *Mr. Nesbitt.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 54), intituled "An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches of Martintown." *Mr. McGillis.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 60), intituled "An Act to amend The Vendors and Purchasers Act, 1926." *Mr. McBrien.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Belanger asked the following Question (No. 44):—

1. By whom was the special audit made into the municipal accounts of the Township of Gloucester. 2. What period of time was covered by the audit. 3. What is the amount of the deficit reported. 4. Has the whole or any part of this deficit been reimbursed. 5. Has the Attorney-General been urged to take legal proceedings against the person or persons responsible for such deficit. 6. Is it the intention of the Attorney-General to take such proceedings. 7. In view of the findings of the Auditor, is it the intention of the Government to have an audit made of the said accounts extending over a period of years prior to that covered by the recent audit.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. Arthur A. Crawley, F.C.A., Ottawa, Ont. 2. January 1st, 1921, to December 31st, 1925. 3. \$43,467.19. 4. The Government have no information. 5. and 6. The matter was brought to the attention of the Attorney-General's Department by the Solicitor for the Township of Gloucester, who was referred to the local Crown Attorney, if any criminal proceedings were contemplated. 7. No request has been made for further audit.

Mr. Newman asked the following Question (No. 46):—

1. What was the total cost to the Province of Ontario of the purchase and handling of apples for export in 1925, including cost of apples, freight, labour

and insurance and all items of expense until the apples were sold. 2. What was the amount of money received for said apples when sold. 3. If any loss was incurred, what was the amount of the same. 4. Were any apples purchased for export in the fall of 1926.

The Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1. See Journals of the House, 1926, page 159. In addition to this information, the cost to the Province under the guarantee was \$9,564.91. 2. The apples were shipped by a great number of associations and individuals, and a reply to this question would require the tabulation of the detailed records of these shippers. If the Honourable Member asks for a Return, this information will be gathered and brought down. 3. There was no loss to private shippers, because the Department guaranteed a minimum price and paid the difference between such price and what the shippers received on the British market. 4. No.

Mr. Mitchell asked the following Question (No. 47):—

1. What were the services rendered by Bell, Pringle and Yates for which the sum of \$1,000 was paid as appears on page D 16 of the Public Accounts for 1926.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. The sum of \$1,000 referred to was the costs of the defence in an action of Kuntz *vs.* Clark which went to trial, was appealed and had a re-trial, the action being against a constable on the Ontario Provincial Police Force in connection with occurrences while on duty.

Mr. Mewhinney asked the following Question (No. 48):—

1. What were the services rendered by O'Reilly and Kay for which the sum of \$1,350 was paid as appears on page D 16 of the Public Accounts for 1926.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. The sum of \$1,350 is composed of \$1,000 costs of the plaintiff and \$350 damages awarded to the plaintiff in the action of Kuntz *vs.* Clark referred to in the answer to Question 47.

Mr. Anderson asked the following Question (No. 54):—

1. How many meetings of the Provincial Board of Health were held between October 31st, 1925, and November 1st, 1926. 2. At what places were each of

said meetings held. 3. How many meetings did each of the members of the Board attend. 4. How many days did each of said meetings last.

The Minister of Health and Labour replied as follows:—

1. Seven. 2. Spadina House. 3. All excepting in case of two meetings, one member absent. In case of two meetings, two members absent. 4. In six cases, one day; in one case, two days.

Mr. Robertson (Huron) asked the following Question (No. 50):—

1. For what was the item of \$1,995.60, King Edward Hotel, spent, as appears on page O 13 of the Public Accounts for 1926. 2. For what was the item of \$1,375.00, Romanelli's Orchestra, spent, as appears on page O 13 of the Public Accounts for 1926.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. For hotel expenses in Toronto of S. L. Rothafel, a prominent radio broadcaster, and his company of artists who were engaged to broadcast Ontario's tourist attractions through WEAf and the web of radio stations controlled by them. By this system, it was possible to advertise Ontario through every radio set in the Northern States, over a period of three weeks at the opening of the summer season. 2. For the musical accompaniment furnished in connection with the broadcasting of Ontario's tourist attractions by the same company.

Mr. Nixon asked the following Question (No. 61):—

1. Are payments to the Public Service Superannuation Fund by employees treated as an ordinary or as a capital receipt. 2. Are payments, allowances and refunds to employees from this fund treated as an ordinary or as a capital expenditure. 3. Has there been any change in the treatment of these items in the Public Accounts for 1925-1926. 4. If no change, where does item "Ordinary Revenue, Public Service Superannuation Fund, Employees and Government Contributions" (Statement No. 3, page 14) appear in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1924-1925.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. and 2. Contribution of the Province toward the Superannuation Fund is paid out of Ordinary Revenue. It is placed in the special fund which is classified as "Capital." Along with the contribution of the Province in the special fund are also placed contributions of the service as capital receipts. Out of this special fund the benefits to superannuates and refunds are paid from time to time and charged as capital expenditure. 3. No. 4. In the 1925 Public Accounts, contributions to the Public Service Superannuation Fund were shown on Statement No. 19, page 43, "Loan Repayments, Special Funds, etc.," totals of which were carried to the statement of Consolidated Revenue, found at the foot of page 10, and did not enter into the computation of deficit or surplus of Ordinary Revenue. It was considered desirable to show receipts of the nature

of Loan Repayments and Special Funds under the various Departments responsible, hence, in the 1926 Public Accounts, Superannuation Fund Contributions were shown under the Prime Minister's Department.

Mr. Slack asked the following Question (No. 62):—

1. Were steam shovels used in the excavation of the foundation for the new Government block in Queen's Park. 2. Who were the contractors for the steam shovel work and how much were they paid. 3. When was the work of excavation started and when was it completed.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. No. Work carried out by hand labour in order to relieve the unemployment situation. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. Excavation commenced December 24th, 1924, and completed June 10th, 1925.

Mr. McCallum asked the following Question (No. 63):—

1. How many Provincial Savings Branches are there, and where are they located. 2. What amount of money was on deposit in each branch on the 31st of October last. 3. Which, if any, of the branches are being maintained at a loss of revenue to the Province.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. Fifteen branches, located as follows: Aylmer, Brantford, Hamilton, Newmarket, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Pembroke, Seaforth, St. Catharines, St. Marys, Walkerton, Woodstock, and Toronto—University and Dundas Streets; Bay and Adelaide Streets and 549 Danforth Avenue. 2. It is against public policy to disclose details as to amount of deposit in each branch. The combined deposits of all branches on October 31st, 1926, were \$18,366,363.52. 3. It is not considered in the public interest to give a detailed statement of each branch, but the Province of Ontario Savings Offices as a whole, on a spread of 1 per cent. interest, is earning profits and creating a reserve.

Mr. McCallum asked the following Question (No. 64):—

1. What was the cost of the recent re-decoration of Government House. 2. Who did the work. 3. Were public tenders called for.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. Total, \$4,172.21. 2. The Robert Simpson Company, under tender, did the portion of the work that the Department has not the facilities for doing, amounting to \$1,693.00. The balance was done by the Department of Public Works. 3. Tenders called for re-decoration of ballroom.

Mr. Widdifield asked the following Question (No. 68):—

1. Is there a Patronage Committee which advises, or assumes to advise, the Government in the matter of appointments to the Civil Service in Toronto.
2. How is the Committee composed.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:

1 and 2. The Government has no knowledge of any such Committee.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 32), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 48), An Act respecting the Town of Tecumseh.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the East York-Leaside Viaduct.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 36), An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 45), An Act respecting the City of Sarnia.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 125), An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Township of Stamford and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 116), An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act, 1926.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 118), An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act, 1923.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 121), An Act to revise and consolidate the Mining Law of Ontario.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 124), An Act to amend The Mining Tax Act.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 117), An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1923.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House to go into Committee to consider Bill (No. 112), having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to Committee on Municipal Laws.

The House then adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1927.

The following Petition was read and received:—

The Petition of the Town of Leamington, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the town to pass by-laws respecting an improved outlet for Selkirk drain and other purposes.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 43), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Dundas." *Mr. Shaver*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Raney,

Resolved, That this House respectfully urges the Parliament of Canada not to enact Bill (No. 78) of the House of Commons respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Company for the reasons hereinafter set forth:—

That the Bill proposes to renew a charter to authorize the construction of a canal and the development of water powers on the Ottawa and the French Rivers which said charter has already been in existence for thirty-three years without any evidence of progress toward the accomplishment of the projected canal;

That the application to Parliament is an effort on the part of private promoters to secure through the Federal Parliament the control and ownership of a great and valuable public utility;

That the water powers in the Ottawa River in inter-provincial waters are the joint property of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and that the powers in the French River are wholly situate within Ontario and are the property of the Province of Ontario and cannot be rightfully legislated upon by the Dominion Parliament;

That the development of these powers is essential to the industry and the prosperity of the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and the only effect of Federal legislation purporting to vest these powers in a private company will be to retard development, create litigation and impair the public interest;

That the water powers of the Ottawa River, so far as they belong to this Province, are an essential part of the public development and distribution of power in Ontario in which the people of this Province have already invested upwards of \$276,000,000;

That this Legislative Assembly desires to record its most earnest and emphatic protest against the attempt being made, by means of a Private Bill in the Dominion Parliament, to alienate valuable water powers from the control and ownership of this Province, and thereby deprive the people of Ontario of the advantage of one of our greatest natural resources for the benefit and advantage of private promoters;

That the Province of Ontario respectfully urges that the rights guaranteed to the Provinces under the Federal Constitution should be at all times respected by the Parliament of Canada;

That this House believes that the occasion calls for a strong and conclusive pronouncement against the proposed legislation as being contrary to the spirit and the terms of Confederation and prejudicial to the public interest.

For these and other reasons this House directs that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Speakers of the two Houses of Parliament of Canada.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 87), To amend The Mining Act of Ontario.

Bill (No. 66), An Act to amend The Psychiatric Hospitals Act.

Bill (No. 67), The Forestry Act.

Bill (No. 103), An Act to amend The Bulk Sales Act, 1917.

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Village of Humberstone.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the Township of Bertie.

Bill (No. 15), An Act respecting the Township of North York.

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the Township of Thorold.

Bill (No. 38), An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend the Act to incorporate Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Bill (No. 18), An Act respecting the Town of Cobalt.

Bill (No. 63), An Act to amend The Marriage Act.

Bill (No. 68), An Act to amend The Athletic Commission Act.

Bill (No. 108), An Act to amend The County Judges' Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 14), An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario.

Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Township of Teck.

Bill (No. 40), An Act respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 46), An Act respecting the City of Fort William.

Bill (No. 32), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick.

Bill (No. 48), An Act respecting the Town of Tecumseh.

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the East York-Leaside Viaduct.

Bill (No. 36), An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston.

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 120), An Act to amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 119), An Act to amend The Power Commission Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 125), An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Township of Stamford and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 64), An Act respecting Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 123), An Act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Reports in the following cases:—

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Almonte.

The Reports were then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Upon reference under Rule 61a of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 11), 1927, entitled "An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that such Bill, in so far as it provides for the consolidation of a floating debt, should be passed by your Honourable House as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. McKEOWN, *Chairman.*

A. B. INGRAM, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. A. ELLIS, *Commissioner.*

Dated at Toronto,
this 7th day of March, A.D. 1927.

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Upon reference under Rule 61a of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 26), 1927, entitled "An Act respecting the Town of Almonte," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that such Bill, in so far as it provides for the consolidation of a floating debt, should be passed by your Honourable House as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. McKEOWN, *Chairman.*

A. B. INGRAM, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. A. ELLIS, *Commissioner.*

Dated at Toronto,
this 7th day of March, A.D. 1927.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich, and Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Almonte, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 127), intituled "An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Parents by their Children." *Mr. Price*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 128), intituled "An Act respecting the Legitimation of Children by the Subsequent Intermarriage of their Parents." *Mr. Price*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 129), intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children." *Mr. Price*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 59), intituled "An Act to amend The Cemetery Act." *Mr. Mewhinney*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 130), intituled "An Act to amend The Provincial Land Tax Act." *Mr. Finlayson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

The motion having been put, was carried.

And the House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1927, the following sum:—

111. To defray the expenses of the Legislation..... \$1,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 90), intituled "An Act respecting Stationary and Hoisting Engineers." *Mr. Godfrey*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 131), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." *Mr. Nesbitt*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 132), intituled "An Act to amend The Railway Fire Charge Act, 1925." *Mr. Finlayson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 133), intituled "An Act to amend The Surveys Act, 1920." *Mr. Finlayson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 134), intituled "An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act, 1927." *Mr. Finlayson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 135), intituled "An Act respecting the Production and Sale of Milk and Cream for Human Consumption." *Mr. Martin*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 136), intituled "An Act for the Granting of Assistance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 137), intituled "An Act to Regulate and Control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

In connection with the motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Sandy, Mr. Speaker addressed the House as follows:—

Before the Orders of the Day, I wish to deal with the question raised by the honourable member for Prince Edward on the afternoon of March 1st. The honourable member on that occasion asked for a ruling as to the standing of the notice of motion placed on the Order Paper in the name of the member for Victoria, South, as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this House the bonus to Hydro-Electric Power lines in rural areas ought to be increased to eighty per cent. of their cost, and that the time has come for their formulation of a scheme for the equalization of Hydro rates to the smaller urban centres and for the formulation of a plan to finance the ever-increasing demand for power for farm purposes and for the use of the smaller urban centres."

Without dealing with the question of the standing of the discussion evoked on that occasion, I think it wise, the matter having been brought in question, to deal with the point raised by the member for Prince Edward.

I am happy to be able to state that the question of the admission of such motions as that submitted by the member for Victoria, South, can be clearly settled without going outside the records of this House. In the Journals of the House there are numerous occasions since Confederation on which such motions have been called to the attention of the Speaker through objection having been taken to their consideration by the House. It has been argued in support of such motions that they are only "abstract motions" and as such do not definitely appropriate sums from the public treasury. The fact that they are "abstract motions" has always been recognized but nevertheless the decision has always been against their admission.

During the second session of this House after Confederation, on December 14th, 1868, a motion was made by one of the members (Mr. McDougall), to the following effect:—

1. That with a view to attract immigration into this Province it is expedient to provide that on and after the first day of April, immediately subsequent to settlement on any lot, the regulations of the Government having been complied with, the locator of such lot should have the right to cut and dispose of the timber on it, free from any Government charges.

2. That the right to cut pine on timber berths during at least ten years should, subsequent to the foregoing resolution, be given to license holders, under such charges for ground rent, duty, etc., and such other provisions as may be made by the Government of this Province.

An objection was taken to this motion by the then Attorney-General (Mr. Macdonald), on the ground that it could not be entertained without the recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor having been previously obtained, and the Hon. John Stevenson, the first Speaker of this Assembly, ruled:—

“That as timber affords revenue, no question as to the disposal of the same can be entertained without the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor having been previously obtained.”

An appeal having been made against the Speaker's ruling his decision was sustained by the House by a vote of 40 to 28.

Another decision by the same Speaker, and one dealing with a motion which compares more closely, perhaps, than does the previous precedent, with the matter of the present enquiry, was made on the same day, December 14th, 1868. This motion was by another private member (Mr. Perry) to the effect,—

“That in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the statutes enacted by this House be furnished free of charge, to all magistrates who have duly qualified.”

On the objection of the Honourable the Attorney-General that the motion could not be entertained as it effected the revenue, the Speaker decided,—

“That the motion could not be entertained.”

These decisions of the first Speaker called to preside over the deliberations of this Assembly have formed the precedents on which many other decisions have been based when dealing with such abstract questions as we are now considering. On March 11th, 1874, objection was taken to a motion,—

“That in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that provision be made by which municipalities entitled to payments under The Municipal Loan Fund Act of 1873 shall be permitted to extend their appropriations in accordance with the wishes of the ratepayers, as expressed through their councils, or by-laws, to be passed and approved of by them.”

In giving his decision on the 23rd of the same month, Mr. Speaker Wells said in part—

“I see no difference between such an important change in the distribution of the fund as is now contemplated, and a resolution which would assume to appropriate any part of the public revenue. The one is just as objectionable in principle as the other and the same reasoning is applicable to the one as to the other throughout all the cases which I have consulted.”

Following a reference to the first ruling of Mr. Speaker Stevenson referred to herein, Mr. Speaker Wells concludes—

“Believing, as I do, that there is in principle no difference between a resolution which proposes a grant of money, and one which proposes to apply a grant already made to an entirely different purpose from that recommended by the Crown, and finding an express decision not only by the Speaker, but of the House itself, against such motions, I cannot do other than rule in favour of the objection.”

Another motion, which in principle is practically the same as the one we are considering was presented to the House on December 11th, 1874, as follows:—

“This House, while concurring in the Resolution, desires to express the opinion that so long as the policy of granting Provincial aid to charitable institutions of the character of those mentioned in the schedules to “The Charity Aid Act of 1874” continues, justice demands that such aid should not be confined to the institutions mentioned in the said schedules, but that it should be extended to other institutions of the like character and usefulness, which have come into existence since the passing of the Act.”

On an objection being taken to the proposed motion the Speaker decided as follows:—

“That this motion seeks to commit the House to a future expenditure of public money. I feel bound to follow my decision of last Session upon this subject, following a decision confirmed by the House upon appeal in 1868 as to the Crown timber dues. The effect of these decisions is practically to put an end to abstract resolutions of that character, and I therefore feel bound to rule this motion out of order.”

That these rulings were well founded is further shown by the fact that they conform to the practice obtaining in the British House of Commons as set forth in Sir T. Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice. In the thirteenth edition of that work, on page 504, the following passage deals with this question:—

“The Commons have faithfully maintained the duty and responsibility of the sovereign, and their own, regarding the custody of public money and the imposition of charges upon the people, by standing orders framed especially for that purpose. Three of these standing orders, Nos. 66-68, were the first, and for more than a century were the only, standing orders made by the Commons for their self-government; and the regulations prescribed by these standing orders have been from time to time extended and applied. Under the practice thus established, every motion which in any way creates a charge upon the public revenue, or upon the revenues of India, must receive the recommendation of the Crown before it can be entertained by the House.

“Unless the recommendation of the Sovereign enjoined by these standing orders be signified, in the manner mentioned in this paragraph, the Speaker cannot put the question on a motion which comes within the scope of these standing orders. Accordingly, if any motion, or bill, or proceeding is offered to be moved, whether in the House or in a committee,

which requires, but fails to receive, the recommendation of the Crown, it is the duty of the Chair to announce that no question can be proposed upon the motion, or to direct the withdrawal of the bill."

And again in the same edition on page 598 the following procedure is indicated for the consideration of such a motion as is here proposed:—

"The King's recommendation is signified to the Commons by a Minister of the Crown, on receiving petitions, on motions for the introduction of bills, *or on the offer of other motions*, involving any public expenditure or grant of money not included in the annual estimates."

The rulings quoted, as well as the British practice, are also in accord with the procedure laid down in "The British North America Act," 30 Vict., chap. 3, 1867, section 54 of which says:—

"It shall not be lawful for the House to adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended by the Crown."

With such well established practice to guide me, being of the opinion, as I am, that the motion proposed by the honourable member for Victoria South is of the same character as those dealt with in the rulings quoted, I have no other course than to rule that the motion in question is out of order and cannot be admitted to discussion in this House.

Mr. Colquhoun asked the following Question (No. 15):—

1. Is John McConnell of Windsor who resigned from his position as alderman of the City of Windsor during the recent investigation there, the John McConnell who was returning officer for a Windsor Riding at the election for the Legislative Assembly on December 1st last. 2. Is he the same John McConnell who now holds a position as inspector under The Luxury Tax Act, 1925.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. At the time referred to, he was a temporary inspector appointed under The Luxury Tax Act. He has since been suspended and his resignation requested.

Mr. McQuibban asked the following Question (No. 16):—

1. What amount of money has been spent to date by the Province of Ontario in connection with the Boys' Training Home at Bowmanville as capital expenditure for lands, buildings, equipment, improvement of lands and all work of a

permanent character. 2. What amount of money has been spent for stock, implements and chattels for operating the farm in connection with the same. 3. How many officials are in charge of the work of the Training Home. 4. What is the amount payable monthly as salaries and wages in connection with the Training Home. 5. How many farm hands, including foremen, are employed on the farm. 6. What is the amount payable monthly as salaries and wages in connection with the farm work. 7. What is the total amount of money spent to date for all purposes in connection with the Training Home and farm, including both capital and current expenditure. 8. How many boys are now being trained at the Home.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. \$339,476.85. 2. Gross amount spent \$8,547.00 from which should be deducted the sum of \$5,512.35, received from sale of live stock from time to time. 3. Executives, three; teachers and instructors, four; farm hands, four; all others, nine; total, twenty. 4. \$2,040.00. 5. Four. 6. \$241.50. 7. Capital expenditure, \$339,476.85; current expenditure, \$98,218.61. Total, \$437,695.46. 8. Boys are being admitted and discharged from time to time. On February 14th, seventy-four boys were in residence.

Mr. Sandy asked the following Question (No. 42):—

1. What is the outstanding indebtedness of the Central Ontario Power System. 2. Is there sinking fund. 3. If so, what was the amount of it as of the 31st of October last.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. \$14,671,230.44 as at October 31st, 1926. 2. Yes, in part. 3. \$70,138.04.

Mr. Anderson asked the following Question (No. 55):—

1. Is J. W. McConnell mentioned on page O 25 of the Public Accounts for 1926, stock transfer department, as having received \$525 for services and \$107.05 for travelling expenses, the same person as J. McConnell mentioned on page O 18 of the Public Accounts for 1926 as having received \$1,050 for services in The Luxury Tax Branch and in the same branch as having received as travelling expenses \$179.13 under the name of J. W. McConnell.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. Yes. Mr. McConnell's salary was \$1,800 per annum. He received a total of \$1,575 for the portion of the year in which he was engaged, of which \$525 was charged to Stock Transfer Tax Collection and \$1,050 to Luxury Tax Collection.

Mr. Slack asked the following Question (No. 59):—

1. Was there a profit or a loss on the operation of the Central Ontario Power System for the past fiscal year. (This question was referred only to power development). 2. What was the profit or loss. 3. What has been the profit or loss each year since the purchase of this system. 4. By whom have the losses been borne. 5. What has been done with the profits.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. As the power is supplied at actual cost there is no profit or loss. 2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by the above.

Mr. Sandy asked the following Question (No. 57):—

1. What was the total cost of each of the power development plants that are now operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. 2. What horse-power is developed at each of these plants.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Costs as at October 31st, 1926, are as follows:—

Queenston—Chippawa Development.....	\$76,302,481	79
Ontario Power Development.....	22,026,481	24
Electrical Power Development.....	12,017,814	00
Big Chute Development.....	664,663	07
Eugenia Falls Development.....	1,139,600	56
Wasdell's Falls Development.....	146,390	18
Muskoka Development.....	737,743	95
Nipigon Development.....	10,410,955	38
Rideau Development.....	839,006	27
Central Ontario Development.....	\$7,774,359	64
Nipissing Development.....	699,462	94
	8,473,822	58

2. The horse-power developed in 1926 was as follows:—

	Peak Capacity Horse-power
Queenston—Chippawa Development.....	550,000
Ontario Power Development.....	180,000
Electrical Power Development.....	145,000
Big Chute Development.....	5,800
Eugenia Falls Development.....	7,400
Wasdell's Falls Development.....	1,000
Muskoka Development—two plants.....	6,750
Nipigon Development.....	75,000
Rideau Development—two plants, one purchased power.....	3,000
Central Ontario Development—nine plants.....	47,028
Nipissing Development—two plants.....	3,600

Mr. Taylor asked the following Question (No. 65):—

1. Is Mr. T. J. Hannigan at present on the pay roll of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. 2. Has he been on its pay roll in past years. 3. If so, in what years and for what amounts. 4. What were the services in which he was employed. 5. What amounts have been paid to him for disbursements in different years.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. No. 2. No. 3. None. 4. None. 5. \$6,728.68. This sum includes disbursements in connection with the Radial Railway By-law Campaign in 1922, and disbursements as Treasurer of the Radial Railway and Municipal Association in 1922 and 1923.

Mr. Gardiner asked the following Question (No. 66):—

1. Is there or has there ever been an annual grant from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to the Ontario Municipal Electric Association. 2. What have been the amounts of such grants and for what years. 3. Who are the present officers of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. 1917, \$5,322.69; 1918, \$4,170.90; 1919, \$4,466.63; 1920, \$4,008.64; 1921, \$3,885.07; 1922, \$2,446.09. 3. Messrs. C. A. Maguire, Toronto, President; Willoughby Ellis, Hamilton, Vice-President; W. K. Sanderson, St. Thomas; F. Newman, Picton; A. Lang, Kitchener; J. H. Sheppard, Windsor; H. B. Stephenson, Niagara Falls; J. F. Craig, Barrie; J. J. Heeg, Guelph; and T. J. Hannigan, Guelph, Secretary.

Mr. McLean asked the following Question (No. 70):—

1. Who are the clerks of the County Courts of the following named counties: York, Wentworth, Middlesex, Lincoln, Brant, Essex, Ontario and Simcoe, respectively. 2. What were their respective incomes last year from the public offices they hold.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. and 2:—

	Net Income
York, Thomas V. Gearing.....	\$4,834 54
Wentworth, A. C. Garden, also Local Registrar, S.C.O. and Surrogate Registrar. Part of year only.....	145 20
Middlesex—Edmund Weld, also Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Surrogate Registrar.....	4,440 09
Lincoln—E. J. Lovelace, also Local Registrar, S.C.O. and Surrogate Registrar.....	3,822 97
Brant—W. M. Charlton (acting); also Local Registrar, S.C.O. and Surrogate Registrar.....	3,767 72
Essex—W. S. R. Craig, also Local Registrar, S.C.O. and Surrogate Registrar. Not in office last year.....	
Ontario—H. Bascom, also Local Registrar and Surrogate Registrar..	4,046 60
Simcoe—John MacKay, also Local Registrar, S.C.O.....	2,417 30

Mr. Nixon asked the following Question (No. 71):—

1. Who are the members of the present Board of License Commissioners and what are their salaries.

Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. The answer to this will be found in the Public Accounts.

Mr. Miller (Haldimand) asked the following Question (No. 72):—

1. What amount of money was collected in fines from violation of the Ontario Temperance Act in the years 1924, 1925 and 1926. 2. And what amounts were expended by the Government upon the enforcement of the said Act in the years 1924, 1925 and 1926.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. Amount collected by Province, O.T.A. fines: 1924, \$420,868.67; 1925, \$365,446.82; 1926, \$333,882.70. 2. Amount expended by Province, enforcement of O.T.A.: 1924, \$351,914.55; 1925, \$402,538.52; 1926, \$372,602.83.

Mr. Ross asked the following Question (No. 76):—

1. Are the Racing Associations of Ontario paid a commission on the collection for the Government of race track wagers. 2. If so, what is the percentage commission paid, and since when. 3. What has been the amount paid from year to year.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. No. 2 and 3. Answered by reply to No. 1.

Mr. Sandy asked the following Question (No. 74):—

1. What was the cost of the new Government Building in the Canadian National Exhibition grounds at Toronto. 2. Who were the different contractors and what were (a) the amounts of the different tenders; (b) the amounts actually paid to the different contractors.

The Minister of Public Works replied as follows:—

1. The Province of Ontario is under agreement with the City of Toronto to pay \$50,000.00 a year for twelve years as its contribution toward the cost of the building. In addition to this the Province paid for extras: Towers, \$16,633.30; fixtures, \$5,000.00. 2. The City of Toronto called for the tenders and paid the different contractors.

Mr. Taylor asked the following Question (No. 75):—

1. Has the Resolution that was passed in this House on the 11th of February last, expressing the opinion that a very substantial reduction should be made by the Dominion Government in the Excise tax on liquor where sales are made to Provincial Governments, been forwarded by this Government to the Government at Ottawa. 2. If so, when. 3. Has an answer been received.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. February 12th, 1927. 3. An acknowledgment of receipt was received on February 28th.

Mr. Kemp asked the following Question (No. 77):—

1. How many of the fifteen Provincial Savings Branches are maintained at a loss of revenue to the Province.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. The answer given to Question No. 63, page 179, Votes and Proceedings, applies to this question.

Mr. Lethbridge asked the following Question (No. 80):—

1. What is the authority under which commissions or other payments or allowances have been made to gasoline companies for collection of the gasoline tax and for alleged loss due to evaporation or other causes. 2. When was that authority given.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. Commission allowed under authority of paragraph 9 of Regulations. No allowance made for evaporation. 2. May 6th, 1925.

Mr. Ross asked the following Question (No. 79):—

1. Has any change been made in the regulations issued under The Corn Borer Act, 1926. 2. If so, what is the change. 3. If no change has been made, has any representations been made to the Department to have the regulations made easier.

The Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1. No. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. No direct representations have been made but the Department has voluntarily intimated that it recognizes the climatic difficulties of the past season and will modify enforcement of the regulations accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Oke, seconded by Mr. Oliver,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the total number of Civil servants (inside and outside service), and the cost of same to the Province for the years ending October 31st, 1919; October 31st, 1923, and October 31st, 1926.

On motion of Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Raney,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing—1. What were the premiums paid for (a) fire, and (b) other insurance for each of the last four fiscal years by: (a) Hydro Commission; (b) T. & N.O. Railroad; (c) License Board; (d) Niagara and Queen Victoria Parks Commission; (e) other departments of the Public Service. 2. What have been the amounts collected from companies for (a) fire losses, and (b) other losses in each case.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 114), An Act to amend the Cemetery Act.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Laws.

Bill (No. 115), An Act to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1922.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Laws.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 126), An Act to amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 117), An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1923, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

With the consent of the House, the following Petition was then read and received:—

The Petition of Post No. 13 of the Scarborough Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, praying that an Act may pass vesting certain real property in trustees.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventh Report which was read as follows and adopted:

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 22), An Act respecting the Township of York.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:

Bill (No. 19), An Act respecting the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 25), An Act respecting the Township of Nipigon.

Bill (No. 33), An Act to define the boundaries or limits of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chapleau.

Your Committee would recommend that the fees, less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 36), "An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston" on the ground that it is one relating to a charitable institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the penalties and the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 36), "An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston" on the ground that it is one relating to a charitable institution.

Mr. Currie, from the Standing Committee on printing presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee ordered the King's Printer to secure for members of the Legislature the following publications in the numbers listed below:—

Parliamentary Guide.....	112	copies
Canadian Annual Review.....	112	"
"5,000 Facts about Canada".....	112	"
Denison's A.B.C. Company Law.....	50	"
Canadian Almanac.....	112	"

The Committee decided that the members' stationery allowance of \$25 be continued at the same figure.

The Committee ordered departmental reports and sessional papers printed in the quantities below:—

Public Accounts.....	2,800	copies
Estimates (Main, Supplementary and Further Supplementary).....	1,700	"
Lands and Forests.....	2,200	"
Mines.....	3,000	"
Legal Offices.....	1,100	"
Insurance and Friendly Societies.....	1,800	"
Loan Corporations.....	1,350	"
Public Works.....	800	"
Game and Fisheries.....	1,700	"
Labour.....	1,200	"
Education.....	1,800	"
University of Toronto.....	900	"
Births, Marriages and Deaths.....	1,700	"
Board of Health.....	3,200	"
Board of Parole and Extra Mural.....	1,000	"
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.....	1,200	"
Prisons and Reformatories.....	1,300	"
Ontario Temperance Act.....	1,100	"
Department of Agriculture (Minister).....	3,700	"
Department of Agriculture (Statistics).....	15,700	"
T. & N. O. Railway.....	900	"
Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.....	1,050	"
Appendix, Telephone Systems.....	700	"
Hydro-Electric Power Commission.....	4,200	"
Provincial Auditor.....	1,000	"
Workmen's Compensation Board.....	3,200	"
Ontario Veterinary College.....	4,700	"
Report of the Minimum Wage Board.....	1,700	"
Report of the Agricultural Enquiry Commission.....	3,500	"
Report of Northern Development.....	2,300	"
Report of Mothers' Allowance Commission.....	3,700	"
Report of Commissioner, Extra Mural Employment.....	1,000	"
Report of Highways.....	3,700	"

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 138), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." *Mr. Macaulay.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 139), intituled "An Act respecting the Toronto Radial Railways." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 130), An Act to amend The Provincial Land Tax Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 90), An Act respecting Stationary and Hoisting Engineers.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 106), An Act to amend The Wages Amendment Act, 1920, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 121), An Act to revise and consolidate the Mining Law of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 62), An Act respecting Houses Erected under The Ontario Housing Act, 1919, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale, having been called,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged and that the Bill be referred back to the Committee on Private Bills for further consideration.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1927, the following sums:—

110.	To defray the expenses of the Prime Minister's Department.	\$562,500 00
112.	To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department.....	7,355 30
113.	To defray the expenses of the Insurance Department.....	1,000 00
114.	To defray the expenses of the Education Department.....	188,267 39
115.	To defray the expenses of the Northern Development Department.....	1,500 00
116.	To defray the expenses of the Mines Department.....	19,552 00
117.	To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries Department.....	62,060 00
120.	To defray the expenses of the Labour Department.....	169,000 00
121.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Treasurer's Department.....	82,580 00
123.	To defray the expenses of the Agriculture Department.....	92,209 30
124.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous.....	57,600 00
122.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department.....	600,789 66

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 47), An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Upon reference under Rule 61a of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 47), 1927, entitled "An Act respecting the Town of Georgetown," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that such Bill should be passed by your Honourable House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. McKEOWN, *Chairman.*

A. B. INGRAM, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. A. ELLIS, *Commissioner.*

Dated at Toronto,
this 10th day of March, A.D. 1927.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 47), An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighth Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 41), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 39), An Act respecting the Village of Bayfield.

Bill (No. 55), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa and the Township of Nepean.

Mr. McBrien, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fifth Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Town Council of Leamington, praying that an Act may pass authorizing By-laws to be passed respecting the construction of an improved outlet for the Selkirk drain.

Of Post Number 13 of the Scarborough Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, praying that an Act may pass vesting certain lands in trustees for the use of the said post.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 58), intituled "An Act respecting Scarborough Branch Post No. 13 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League." *Mr. Macaulay.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 57), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Leamington." *Mr. Poisson.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 140), intituled "An Act to amend the School Laws." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Raney asked the following Question (No. 41):—

1. What is the sinking fund period of the Hydro power developments that are under the provisions of The Power Commission Act. 2. What is the sinking fund period of the other power developments. 3. What power developments are under The Power Commission Act. 4. What are not. 5. Are there bond issues the proceeds of which were used for power development for which no sinking fund has been provided. 6. If so, to what amount and in respect of what developments.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Under the present Power Commission Act the sinking fund term is thirty years. 2. Various developments that have been taken over from time to time by the Commission from companies and their subsidiaries have bond issues for different periods, and a complete answer to this question would involve an investigation of all these issues. If the honourable member desires to have such an investigation, the proper method is to ask for the information by way of a Return. 3. All the power developments are under The Power Commission Act, except the Central Ontario System. 4. Answered by the reply to Question No. 3. 5. No, except the Central Ontario System. 6. Answered by the reply to Question No. 5. It may be observed, in addition, that to provide for the future, legislation is now before the House as recommended by experts, which provides for a sinking fund period of forty years hereafter.

Mr. Gardiner asked the following Question (No. 69):—

1. What has been the total expenditure made by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission that has been paid by the Province and is not recoverable by the Province from the Commission.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. It is a matter of legal opinion as to what amounts of the various expenditures made by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission that have been paid by the Province are recoverable by the Province, and therefore a definite answer to this question cannot be given, but the matter is being looked into.

Mr. Raney asked the following Question (No. 73):—

1. Has this Government or the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission made a contract with the National Hydro-Electric Company or any other Quebec Company for the supply of power from a power development to be made on the Ottawa River. 2. When was the contract made. 3. For what quantity of power, for what term of years and at what price. 4. Will the power development be by the Quebec Company or by the Quebec Company and the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission jointly.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. No. 2, 3 and 4, Answered by the reply to Question No. 1.

Mr. Slack asked the following Question (No. 78):—

1. What was the total cost of the radio broadcasting in respect of which items \$1,995.60 and \$1,375.00 (see Votes and Proceedings, page 178) were expended. 2. Why were not these payments made in the fiscal year of 1924-1925.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. This information was fully given last Session. See pages 267-268, Journals of the House, and page 490, Appendix 3. 2. They were not shown in the Public Accounts for the 1925 fiscal year, as the accounts in question, as originally rendered, did not give sufficient detail and were held for further particulars.

Mr. Taylor asked the following Question (No. 82):—

1. What is the salary of the President of Toronto University.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. \$10,000 per annum.

Mr. Gardiner asked the following Question (No. 83):—

1. Are employees of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway appointed by the Government or by the Commissioners.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. By the Commission.

Mr. Gardiner asked the following Question (No. 84):—

1. Are employees of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission appointed by the Commission or by the Government.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. By the Commission.

Mr. Kemp asked the following Question (No. 85):—

1. Who are the members of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and what are their respective salaries.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. Chas. A. Magrath, Chairman, salary, \$18,000 per annum; Hon. J. R. Cooke, Commissioner, salary, \$8,000 per annum; C. Alfred Maguire, Commissioner, salary, \$8,000 per annum.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 19), An Act respecting Township of Cornwall.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 25), An Act respecting Township of Nipigon.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 33), An Act to define the Boundaries or Limits of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chapleau.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 60), An Act to amend The Vendors and Purchasers Act, 1926.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

Bill (No. 59), An Act to amend The Cemetery Act.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

Bill (No. 132), An Act to amend The Railway Fire Charge Act, 1925.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 133), An Act to amend The Surveys Act, 1920.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 134), An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act, 1927.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 136), An Act for the Granting of Assistance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 129), An Act respecting the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 127), An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Parents by their Children.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 128), An Act respecting Legitimation of Children by the Subsequent Inter-marriage of their Parents.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

* The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 116), An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act, 1926, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 118), An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act, 1923, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 117), An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1923, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 90), An Act respecting Stationary and Hoisting Engineers, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 130), An Act to amend The Provincial Land Tax Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 104), An Act to amend The Assignment of Book Debts Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1927, the following sums:—

118. To defray the expenses of the Public Works Department . . \$1,160,129 49

119. To defray the expenses of the Highways Department 27,216 25

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 50), An Act respecting the Town of Eastview.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Upon reference under Rule 61a of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 50), 1927, entitled "An Act respecting the Town of Eastview," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that such Bill, in so far as it provides for the consolidation of a floating debt, should be passed by your Honourable House as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. McKEOWN, *Chairman.*

A. B. INGRAM, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. A. ELLIS, *Commissioner.*

Dated at Toronto,
this 14th day of March, A.D. 1927.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 50), An Act respecting the Town of Eastview, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 73), An Act respecting Infants.

Bill (No. 107), An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act.

Bill (No. 14), An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario.

Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Township of Teck.

Bill (No. 40), An Act respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 46), An Act respecting the City of Fort William.

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the East York-Leaside Viaduct.

Bill (No. 36), An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston.

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 125), An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Township of Stamford and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Bill (No. 106), An Act to amend The Wages Amendment Act, 1920.

Bill (No. 62), An Act respecting Houses erected under The Ontario Housing Act, 1919.

Bill (No. 104), An Act to amend The Assignment of Book Debts Act.

Mr. Nixon asked the following Question (No. 43):—

1. What was the total expenditure by the Government in Northern and Northwestern Ontario by electoral districts for the last fiscal year.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1.—

DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Electoral Districts Roads and Bridges.	Out of Coloniza- tion Roads Vote	Out of Northern Development Fund	Total
Kenora.....	\$876 10	\$242,566 82	\$243,442 92
Port Arthur.....	6,341 28	107,009 53	113,350 81
Fort William.....	1,536 21	143,499 93	145,036 14
Rainy River.....	10,090 00	84,187 79	94,277 79
Sault Ste. Marie.....	3,203 35	202,349 25	205,552 60
Algoma.....	3,299 04	164,012 29	167,311 33
Sudbury.....	902 80	320,143 64	321,046 44
Manitoulin.....	4,295 06	122,441 66	126,736 72
Sturgeon Falls.....	3,407 67	183,135 12	186,542 79
Nipissing.....	20,652 87	367,674 91	388,327 78
Renfrew North.....	13,381 30	33,303 29	46,684 59
Parry Sound.....	32,565 84	145,425 74	177,991 58
Muskoka.....	19,836 94	127,156 62	146,993 56
Temiskaming.....	12,014 14	629,482 26	641,496 40
Cochrane North.....	3,328 12	480,599 76	483,927 88
Cochrane South.....	2,909 60	363,642 94	366,552 54
General Administration.....		53,447 24	53,447 24
	\$138,640 32	\$3,770,078 79	\$3,908,719 11

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Farms.....	\$19,269 88
Assistance of Settlers: Feed Shortage.....	52 33
Assistance of Settlers: Saw Mills.....	67 63
Creameries.....	2,110 00
Seed Grain.....	3,021 20
Agricultural Implements.....	28 33
Purchase of Cattle.....	12,633 76
Work not otherwise provided for.....	745 82
Settlers' Loan Account.....	80,665 52
	\$118,594 47
	\$4,027,313 58

Mr. Smyth asked the following Question (No. 45):—

1. How many boys have been brought to Ontario and placed on Vimy Ridge farm.
2. How many of these were afterwards placed upon farms in Ontario.
3. Are all those who were so placed still upon farms in Ontario.
4. If any are not upon farms, where are they.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. One hundred and seventy-three.
 2. One hundred and seventy-three.
 3. No.
 4. After a trial, twenty-seven felt they did not want to continue at farming and have gone back to the Old Country. Six are with relatives; two have disappeared and one is at the Ontario Reformatory.
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Mr. Ross asked the following Question (No. 67):—

1. Did Magistrate Browne of the Toronto Police Court within the past few days and after a conference with one of the city's Crown Attorneys, give instructions or express the view that for the future when standard hotels are raided and found to be selling strong beer the licensee of the hotel should be haled into court and not the bartender.
2. Is this a new policy.
3. Has it also been announced by the same magistrate that on a second offence against The Ontario Temperance Act, offenders will be sent to jail.
4. Is this also a new policy.
5. Has any new instruction emanated from the Attorney-General in the matter of law enforcement.
6. If so, what is it.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. Police magistrate reports: No.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. Police magistrate reports: No.
4. Answered by No. 3.
5. No.
6. Answered by No. 5.

Mr. Kemp asked the following Question (No. 86):—

1. How many brewers were convicted last year for offences against The Ontario Temperance Act.
2. How many distillers.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. Two.
 2. None.
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Mr. Miller (Haldimand) asked the following Question (No. 87):—

1. Are some of the Public Schools in the Province using maps of Europe, showing the countries and the boundaries thereof as they were before the Great War.
2. Has the Department of Education issued Regulations, making part of the Public School equipment, the map of Europe, showing the proper boundaries of the different countries.
3. If not, why not.

The Minister of Education replied as follows:—

1. The Department is not aware that wall-maps of Europe that are obsolete are in use in the Public Schools, as no inspector has so reported. 2. The departmental regulations call for a map of each continent; the geographies have all the latest changes in the boundaries of countries in Europe, Asia and Africa, and a special pamphlet, containing maps with revised boundaries, has been issued for the guidance of the inspectors and teachers. 3. Answered by the reply to Questions Nos. 1 and 2.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 22), An Act respecting the Township of York.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 41), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 39), An Act respecting the Village of Bayfield.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 55), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa and the Township of Nepean.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), To amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 109), An Act to amend The Judicature Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 124), An Act to amend The Mining Tax Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 133), An Act to amend The Surveys Act, 1920, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 134), An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act, 1927, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 136), An Act for Granting of Assistance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 129), An Act respecting the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 127), An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Parents by their Children, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 128), An Act respecting Legitimation of Children by the Subsequent Intermarriage of their Parents, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 19), An Act respecting the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 25), An Act respecting the Township of Nipigon.

Bill (No. 33), An Act to define the Boundaries or Limits of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chapleau.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mahoney reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow

The House then adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Ninth Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Almonte.

Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie.

Bill (No. 43), An Act respecting the Town of Dundas.

Mr. Ferguson delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

WILLIAM DONALD ROSS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Further Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1927, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, March 15th, 1927.

(*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 142), intituled "An Act to amend The Corporation Tax Act." *Mr. Monteith.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 143), intituled "An Act to amend The Loan and Trust Corporations Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 144), intituled "An Act to amend The Ontario Insurance Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 145), intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 146), intituled "An Act for the Protection of the Children of Unmarried Parents." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 147), intituled "An Act to amend The Devolution of Estates Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 148), intituled "An Act to Grant Aid to the Banting Research Foundation." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 137), An Act to Regulate and Control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, having been read,

Mr. Ferguson moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time,

And a Debate having ensued,

After some time, Mr. Raney moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Nixon,

That all the words of the motion, after the word "that" to the end of the motion be left out and that the following words be added instead thereof:—

This House is of the opinion that all the substantive provisions of the proposed Act to be known as The Liquor Control Act, ought to be included in the statute and that the authority to be given by the Act to the Liquor Control Board of Ontario to make regulations, ought to be confined to matters of administration and ought not to empower the Board to enact provisions by way of substantive additions to the law.

And a Debate having ensued, it was on the motion of Mr. Homuth,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 23.*)

Also, Regulations and Orders-in-Council made under the authority of The Department of Education Act or relating to Public Schools, Separate Schools or High Schools. (*Sessional Papers, No. 32.*)

Also, Report on the Distribution of the Revised Statutes and Sessional Papers for year ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 35.*)

Also, Report of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 29.*)

Also, Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 6.*)

Also, Report of the Registrar of Loan Corporations for the year 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 7.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 149), intituled "An Act respecting the Licensing of Hawkers, Pedlars and Transient Traders." *Mr. Smye.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 150), intituled "An Act for the Protection of Neglected and Dependent Children." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 151), intituled "The Boys' Welfare Home and School Act." *Mr. Goldie.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 152), intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 79, Statutes of Ontario 1919." *Mr. Ferguson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 153), intituled "The Fruit and Vegetables Consignment Act, 1927." *Mr. Martin.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Almonte.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 43), An Act respecting the Town of Dundas.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 139), An Act respecting the Toronto Radial Railways.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 140), An Act to amend the School Laws.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 145), An Act respecting the Adoption of Children.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 146), An Act for the Protection of the Children of Unmarried Parents.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 135), An Act respecting the Production and Sale of Milk and Cream for Human Consumption.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time, Mr. Lethbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Widdifield,

That the following words be added to the amendment:

“And this House is further of the opinion that the Liquor Control Board to be appointed to administer the proposed law ought to be a non-partisan body with authority to employ and discharge its subordinates without interference by the Government of the day or members of the Legislature or patronage committees, as fully as the Hydro-Electric Power Commission now has authority to do.”

And a Debate arising it was on the motion of Mr. Oke,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Tenth Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 47), An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown.

Your Committee would recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Thursday the 24th day of March.

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 51 of the House, the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Thursday the 24th day of March.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 154), intituled “An Act to amend The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1922.” *Mr. Kennedy* (Peel).

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 92), intituled “An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act.” *Mr. Goldie*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 155), intituled “An Act respecting Live Stock and Live Stock Products.” *Mr. Martin*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 143), An Act to amend The Loan and Trust Corporations Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 144), An Act to amend The Ontario Insurance Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 147), An Act to amend The Devolution of Estates Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 148), An Act to grant Aid to the Banting Research Foundation.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 151), The Boys' Welfare, Home and School Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 152), An Act to amend Chapter 79, Statutes of Ontario, 1919.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 142), An Act to amend The Corporation Tax Act, having been read,

Mr. Monteith moved,

That the Bill be now read a second time,

And a Debate having ensued,

And after some time,

The motion for the Second Reading having again been put, was carried on the following Division:—

YEAS.

Acres	Harcourt	Mitchell	Shields
Anderson	Henry	Monteith	Sinclair
Baird	Hill	Moore	Skinner
Ball	Hillmer	Morel	Smye
Belanger	Hogarth	Murphy	Smyth
Birkett	Homuth	McBrien	Stedman
Bradburn	Honeywell	McCrea	Stuart
Bragg	Ireland	McGillis	Thompson
Calder	Jutten	McNaughton	(St. David)
Carr	Kennedy	McQuibban	Thompson
Clark	(Temiskaming)	Oke	(Lanark, North)
Colquhoun	Kenning	Oliver	Vaughan
Cooke	Legault	Pearson	Waters
Costello	Lyons	Poisson	Weichel
Earngey	Macaulay	Price	Willson
Ecclestone	Macdiarmid	Proulx	(Niagara Falls)
Edwards	Mahoney	Reid	Wilson
Ferguson	Martin	Robb	(London, South)
Finlayson	(Norfolk)	Robertson	Wright
Fletcher	Martin	(Huron, North)	(Simcoe, Centre)
Flett	(Brantford)	Robertson	Wright—85.
Godfrey	Mewhinney	(Northumberland)	(Dovercourt)
Goldie	Miller	Scholfield	
Graves	(Haldimand)	Scott	
Haney	Ming	Shaver	

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Gardiner	Miller	Newman	Sandy
Kemp	(Elgin, East)	Nixon	Slack
Lethbridge	McCallum	Raney	Taylor
Medd	McLean	Ross	Widdifield—15.

And the Bill was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time it was on the motion of Mr. Legault,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police for the year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 36.*)

Also, Orders-in-Council made under authority of The Northern Development Act, 1926, from April 13th, 1926, to February 1st, 1927. (*Sessional Papers, No. 37.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 156), intituled "An Act respecting the Niagara Parks." *Mr. Henry.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 157), intituled "An Act to amend The Registry Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 158), intituled "An Act to amend The Land Titles Act." *Mr. Price.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 141), intituled "The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, 1927." *Mr. Finlayson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 159), intituled "The Local Improvement Act, 1927." *Mr. Finlayson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 160), intituled "An Act respecting the Solemnization of Marriage." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 161), intituled "An Act to provide Aid in the Construction of Works in Rural Power Districts." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 83), To amend The Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act.

Bill (No. 105), An Act to amend The Voters' Lists Act, 1926.

Bill (No. 110), An Act to improve the Quality of Dairy Products.

Bill (No. 111), An Act to amend The Milk, Cheese and Butter Act.

Bill (No. 37), An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 32), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick.

Bill (No. 48), An Act respecting the Town of Tecumseh.

Bill (No. 120), An Act to amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914.

Bill (No. 121), An Act to revise and consolidate the Mining Law of Ontario.

Bill (No. 118), An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act, 1923.

Bill (No. 90), An Act respecting Stationary and Hoisting Engineers.

Bill (No. 109), An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

Bill (No. 124), An Act to amend The Mining Tax Act.

Bill (No. 133), An Act to amend The Surveys Act, 1920.

Bill (No. 134), An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 136), An Act for the Granting of Assistance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada.

Bill (No. 129), An Act respecting the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children.

Bill (No. 127), An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Parents by their Children.

Bill (No. 128), An Act respecting Legitimation of Children by the Subsequent Intermarriage of their Parents.

Bill (No. 19), An Act respecting the Township of Cornwall.

Bill (No. 25), An Act respecting the Township of Nipigon.

Bill (No. 33), An Act to define the Boundaries or Limits of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chapleau.

Mr. McQuibban asked the following Question (No. 56):—

1. Is the Highway Advisory Board still functioning. 2. Who are its members at the present time.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. and 2. Under the provisions of The Ontario Highways Act, 1924, the following members of the Legislative Assembly were appointed to the Highways Committee by Order-in-Council, dated May 7th, 1924, namely, F. G. MacDiarmid, Esq., T. J. Mahoney, Esq., and A. M. Rankin, Esq. With the exception of Mr. Rankin the members of the Committee have continued to act in co-operation with the Department of Public Highways in respect of the various matters that the Committee has been dealing with since its appointment. It is the intention of the Government to appoint at an early date a member of the Legislative Assembly to fill the vacancy and thus complete the membership of the Committee as authorized by Statute.

Mr. Raney asked the following Question (No. 60):—

1. What percentage rate of gross profit did the Attorney-General assume as a basis for his estimate of \$3,500,000 profit from the Government liquor stores for the balance of the present fiscal year. 2. What net profit. 3. What date did he assume for the commencement of the operation of the liquor stores.

The Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. This was estimated on the profit the Western Provinces had made in the operation of their Government Control Acts. It took into consideration that probably more than \$1,000,000 would be received in this fiscal year from permits and licenses. 2, Answered by No. 1. 3. Estimate made for half a year.

Mr. Gardiner asked the following Question (No. 93):—

1. Did the Government conduct an audit of the accounts of any of the Racing Associations last year to ascertain what profits they were making. 2. If so, of what associations. 3. What profits were made by the different Ontario Racing Associations last year. 4. What amount was allowed in their different balance sheets for depreciation of plant in each case.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. A complete audit of the Hamilton Jockey Club; as to all other tracks, a thorough audit of the pari-mutuel business, the attendance and other accounts incident thereto. 3. The Hamilton Jockey Club showed a loss of \$33,000. 4. No allowance was made for remuneration of directors and officers of the Hamilton Club, depreciation of plant or interest on capital employed.

Mr. Taylor asked the following Question (No. 94):—

1. What were the amounts of taxes collected from each of the Racing Associations last year. 2. Did all the associations conduct spring and autumn race meetings. 3. If not, which associations did not and what meetings were omitted.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

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Name of Racing Associations	Net Amusements Tax	Five Per cent. Tax	License Fee	Total Ontario Govern- ment Tax
Belleville Driving & Athletic Association, Niagara Falls.....	\$1,987 81	\$8,186 17	\$15,000 00	\$25,173 98
Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton..	12,663 98	115,332 45	105,000 00	232,996 43
Kenilworth Jockey Club, Windsor.	13,576 76	150,284 55	105,000 00	268,861 31
Metropolitan Racing Association, Long Branch.....	17,805 73	141,762 60	105,000 00	264,568 33
Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie.....	7,735 45	81,501 50	52,500 00	141,736 95
Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto....	35,151 65	237,870 20	105,000 00	378,021 85
Thorncliffe Park Racing & Breed- ing Association, Toronto.....	23,378 25	202,686 40	105,000 00	331,064 65
Toronto Driving Club, Incorporated, Toronto.....	24,823 32	153,894 50	105,000 00	283,717 82
Western Racing Association, Wind- sor.....	14,556 91	155,456 25	105,000 00	275,013 16
Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor....	10,752 45	107,474 75	52,500 00	170,727 20
Totals.....	\$162,432 31	\$1,354,449 37	\$855,000 00	\$2,371,881 68

2. No. 3. The autumn meetings were omitted by the following tracks: Belleville Driving & Athletic Association, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie, Ont.; The Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor, Ont., and The Belleville Association operated two days only in the spring meet.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 47), An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 150), An Act for the Protection of Neglected and Dependent Children.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 153), The Fruit and Vegetables Consignment Act, 1927.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 92), An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 45), An Act respecting the City of Sarnia.

Bill (No. 22), An Act respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 41), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 39), An Act respecting the Village of Bayfield.

Bill (No. 55), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa and the Township of Nepean.

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Almonte.

Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie.

Bill (No. 43), An Act respecting the Town of Dundas.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 80), An Act to amend The Assessment Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 139), An Act respecting the Toronto Radial Railways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 145), An Act respecting the Adoption of Children, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 146), An Act for the Protection of the Children of Unmarried Parents, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 135), An Act respecting the Production and Sale of Milk and Cream for Human Consumption, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 142), An Act to amend The Corporation Tax Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 143), An Act to amend The Loan and Trust Corporations Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 148), An Act to grant Aid to the Banting Research Foundation, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 152), An Act to amend Chapter 79, Statutes of Ontario, 1919, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 144), An Act to amend The Ontario Insurance Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 147), An Act to amend The Devolution of Estates Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 151), The Boys' Welfare, Home and School Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 21st, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 162), intituled "An Act to amend The Surrogate Courts Act."
Mr. Price.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 45), An Act respecting the City of Sarnia.

Bill (No. 22), An Act respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 41), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 39), An Act respecting the Village of Bayfield.

Bill (No. 55), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa and the Township of Nepean.

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Almonte.

Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie.

Bill (No. 43), An Act respecting the Town of Dundas.

Bill (No. 80), An Act to amend The Assessment Act.

Bill (No. 139), An Act respecting the Toronto Radial Railways.

Bill (No. 135), An Act respecting the Production and Sale of Milk and Cream for Human Consumption.

Bill (No. 143), An Act to amend The Loan and Trust Corporations Act.

Bill (No. 144), An Act to amend The Ontario Insurance Act.

Bill (No. 148), An Act to grant Aid to the Banting Research Foundation.

Bill (No. 152), An Act to amend Chapter 79, Statutes of Ontario, 1919.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 131), An Act to amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 138), An Act to amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 149), An Act respecting the Licensing of Hawkers, Pedlars and Transient Traders.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Laws.

Bill (No. 157), An Act to amend The Registry Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 158), An Act to amend The Land Titles Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 141), The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, 1927.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

The Amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Anderson	Miller	Newman	Ross
Bragg	(Elgin, East)	Nixon	Sandy
Colquhoun	Miller	Oliver	Scott
Fletcher	(Haldimand)	Pearson	Sinclair
Gardiner	Ming	Raney	Slack
Kemp	Mitchell	Robertson	Smyth
Lethbridge	McCallum	(Huron, North)	Taylor
Medd	McLean	Robertson	Widdifield—31
Mewhinney	McQuibban	(Northumberland)	

NAYS.

Acres	Haney	Martin	Skinner
Baird	Harcourt	(Norfolk)	Smith
Ball	Henry	Martin	Smye
Belanger	Hill	(Brantford)	Spence
Bradburn	Hillmer	Moore	Stedman
Calder	Hogarth	Murphy	Stuart
Carr	Homuth	McBrien	Thompson
Clark	Ireland	McCrea	(St. David)
Cooke	Jutten	McGillis	Thompson
Costello	Kennedy	McNaughton	(Lanark, North)
Currie	(Temiskaming)	Nesbitt	Vaughan
Earngay	Kennedy	Oakley	Weichel
Ecclestone	(Peel)	Pinard	Willson
Edwards	Kenning	Price	(Niagara Falls)
Ferguson	Kidd	Proulx	Wilson
Finlayson	Legault	Reid	(Windsor, East)
Flett	Lyons	Robb	Wilson
Godfrey	Macaulay	Scholfield	(London, South)
Goldie	Macdiarmid	Shaver	Wright—70
Graves	Mahoney	Shields	(Dovercourt)

The Amendment, having been then put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Anderson	Miller	Newman	Ross
Bragg	(Elgin, East)	Nixon	Sandy
Colquhoun	Miller	Oliver	Scott
Fletcher	(Haldimand)	Pearson	Sinclair
Gardiner	Ming	Raney	Slack
Kemp	Mitchell	Robertson	Smyth
Lethbridge	McCallum	(Huron, North)	Taylor
Medd	McLean	Robertson	Widdifield—31
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Calder	Hogarth	Murphy	Stuart
Carr	Homuth	McBrien	Thompson
Clark	Ireland	McCrea	(St. David)
Cooke	Jutten	McGillis	Thompson
Costello	Kennedy	McNaughton	(Lanark, North)
Currie	(Temiskaming)	Nesbitt	Vaughan
Earney	Kennedy	Oakley	Weichel
Ecclestone	(Peel)	Pinard	Willson
Edwards	Kenning	Price	(Niagara Falls)
Ferguson	Kidd	Proulx	Wilson
Finlayson	Legault	Reid	(Windsor, East)
Flett	Lyons	Robb	Wilson
Godfrey	Macaulay	Scholfield	(London, South)
Goldie	Macdiarmid	Shaver	Wright—70
Graves	Mahoney	Shields	(Dovercourt)

The Main Motion for the Second Reading, having been again submitted,

Mr. Raney moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Nixon,

That all the words of the motion after the word "that" to the end of the motion be left out and that the following words be added instead thereof:

"That no government liquor store ought to be established in any municipality without opportunity being given to the electors or to the council of such municipality to express a point of view on the subject."

And after some time,

The Amendment, having been then put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Anderson	Miller	Newman	Ross
Bragg	(Elgin, East)	Nixon	Sandy
Colquhoun	Miller	Oliver	Scott
Fletcher	(Haldimand)	Pearson	Sinclair
Gardiner	Ming	Raney	Slack
Kemp	Mitchell	Robertson	Smyth
Lethbridge	McCallum	(Huron, North)	Taylor
Medd	McLean	Robertson	Widdifield—31
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Ball	Henry	Martin	Smye
Belanger	Hill	(Brantford)	Spence
Bradburn	Hillmer	Moore	Stedman
Calder	Hogarth	Murphy	Stuart
Carr	Homuth	McBrien	Thompson
Clark	Ireland	McCrea	(St. David)
Cooke	Jutten	McGillis	Thompson
Costello	Kennedy	McNaughton	(Lanark, North)
Currie	(Temiskaming)	Nesbitt	Vaughan
Earngey	Kennedy	Oakley	Weichel
Ecclestone	(Peel)	Pinard	Willson
Edwards	Kenning	Price	(Niagara Falls)
Ferguson	Kidd	Proulx	Wilson
Finlayson	Legault	Reid	(Windsor, East)
Flett	Lyons	Robb	Wilson
Godfrey	Macaulay	Scholfield	(London, South)
Goldie	Macdiarmid	Shaver	Wright—70
Graves	Mahoney	Shields	(Dovercourt)

The Main Motion for the Second Reading, having been again submitted, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Acres	Haney	Martin	Smye
Baird	Harcourt	(Norfolk)	Spence
Ball	Henry	Moore	Stedman
Belanger	Hill	Murphy	Stuart
Bradburn	Hillmer	McBrien	Thompson
Calder	Hogarth	McCrea	(St. David)
Carr	Homuth	McGillis	Thompson
Clark	Ireland	McNaughton	(Lanark, North)
Cooke	Jutten	Nesbitt	Vaughan
Costello	Kennedy	Oakley	Weichel
Currie	(Temiskaming)	Pinard	Willson
Earngey	Kennedy	Price	(Niagara Falls)
Ecclestone	(Peel)	Proulx	Wilson
Edwards	Kenning	Reid	(Windsor, East)
Ferguson	Kidd	Robb	Wilson
Finlayson	Legault	Scholfield	(London, South)
Flett	Lyons	Shaver	Wright—69
Godfrey	Macaulay	Shields	(Dovercourt)
Goldie	Macdiarmid	Skinner	
Graves	Mahoney	Smith	

NAYS.

Anderson	Miller	Newman	Ross
Bragg	(Elgin, East)	Nixon	Sandy
Colquhoun	Miller	Oliver	Scott
Fletcher	(Haldimand)	Pearson	Sinclair
Gardiner	Ming	Raney	Slack
Kemp	Mitchell	Robertson	Smyth
Lethbridge	McCallum	(Huron, North)	Taylor
Medd	McLean	Robertson	Widdifield—31
Mewhinney	McQuibban	(Northumberland)	

And the Bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.32 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eleventh Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 50), An Act respecting the Town of Eastview.

Bill (No. 57), An Act respecting the Town of Leamington.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:

Bill (No. 56), An Act respecting the North Anderdon Shooting Club.

Mr. Finlayson, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Second Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and beg to report the same with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 99), An Act to amend The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act.

Bill (No. 102), An Act to amend The Line Fences Act.

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and beg to report the same without amendment:

Bill (No. 60), An Act to amend The Vendors and Purchasers Act, 1926.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 163), intituled "An Act respecting the Taxation of Mines and Natural Gas." *Mr. McCrea.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 164), intituled "An Act respecting Public Service Works on Highways." *Mr. Henry.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 166), intituled "An Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario." *Mr. Price*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 167), intituled "An Act to amend The Ontario Public Service Superannuation Act, 1920." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 168), intituled "An Act to validate the Grant from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to the Banting Research Foundation." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 165), intituled "An Act to amend The Division Courts Act." *Mr. Mewhinney*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 155), An Act respecting Live Stock and Live Stock Products.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 156), An Act respecting the Niagara Parks.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 159), The Local Improvement Act, 1927.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 160), An Act respecting Solemnization of Marriage.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 161), An Act to provide Aid in the Construction of Works in Rural Power Districts.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 154), An Act to amend The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1922.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 86), Referring to the Registration and Protection of Fur-bearing Animals, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 141), The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, 1927, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 157), An Act to amend The Registry Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 158), An Act to amend The Land Titles Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 153), The Fruit and Vegetables Consignment Act, 1927, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 150), An Act for the Protection of Neglected and Dependent Children, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 142), An Act to amend The Corporation Tax Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 92), An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1927, the following sums:—

125.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Education. . . .	\$1,726,876 00
126.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Lands and Forests.	280,300 00
127.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Northern Development.	
128.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Mines.	5,000 00
129.	To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries Depart- ment.	400 00

130.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Works.	\$230,198 88
131.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Highways	7,800 00
132.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Health.....	5,000 00
133.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Treasurer's Department.....	3,500 00
134.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department.....	28,528 50
135.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture...	8,171 50

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Minimum Wage Board, 1926. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 38.)

Also, Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province of Ontario for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 40.)

Also, Report of Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children for 1926. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 19.)

Also, Statement showing all sums credited to the Highway Improvement Fund and all sums chargeable thereto for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 39.)

The House then adjourned at 12.03 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) presented report of the Fish and Game Committee of the Ontario Legislature;

Ordered, That the report be adopted and referred to the Committee on Printing. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 42.)

The Committee on Municipal Law presented the following as their Third Report, which was ordered to be received:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the provisions of Bill (No. 149), "An Act respecting the Licensing of Hawkers, Pedlars and Transient Traders," and in view of the important changes which the Bill proposes to make in the existing law would recommend that it be not proceeded with further at this Session but that it be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed from the members of the House, and that such Committee be given power to hold sittings during the Recess between this and the next Session for the purpose of hearing representations from the various interests affected by the Bill and report a Bill embodying their conclusions at the next Session.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 169), intituled "The Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 1927."
Mr. Finlayson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Belanger asked the following Question (No. 90):—

1. What are the names of the teachers in each of the English-French training schools at (a) Sturgeon Falls, (b) Sandwich, (c) Embrun, (d) Vankleek Hill, (e) Ottawa. 2. When was each of them appointed. 3. What were the academic and professional qualifications of each of them at the time of his or her appointment. 4. How many years' experience in teaching had each of them at the time of his or her appointment and where was such experience obtained.

The Minister of Education replied as follows:—

STAFFS OF THE ENGLISH-FRENCH TRAINING SCHOOLS

Date of appointment and Academic Certificates at time of appointment	Professional Certificates at time of appointment	Experience and where obtained
STURGEON FALLS:		
J. M. Kaine (Principal), Sept. 1915; B.A. degree (Queen's).....	First class from faculty of Education; second class, Ottawa Normal School; Cadet Instructor's certificate.	4 yrs. S.S. No. 4, Howick. 4 yrs. S.S. No. 8 Howick. 19 yrs. Sault Ste. Marie, as Supervising Principal, Principal Model School etc.
Sister Gabriel (Gabrielle Gourand), Sept. 1914, Certificat d'études primaires (obtained in France). Brevet élémentaire (obtained in France). Brevet supérieur (obtained in France). Middle School.	Certificat d'aptitude pédagogique (obtained in France). Third Class English-French Certificate.	7 yrs. in France. 5 yrs. in Blind River. 1 yr. Sturgeon Falls.
Miss M. O. Cleland, Oct. 1922; Upper School.	Permanent First Class Interim Household Science. Elementary Agriculture.	1 yr. Victoria Rd. 1½ yrs. Tralee. 1½ yrs. Pembroke 3 yrs. Mt. Hamilton, as Principal.
Harvey H. Andrews, Sept. 1924; Upper School.	First Class Certificate, Elementary Art, Cadet Instructor Strathcona B.	None.
EMBRUN:		
J. Bécharde (Principal), Sept. 1925; B.A. degree (Laval).	Permanent First Class Interim High School Assistant's, Ontario College of Education.	1 yr. Plantagenet P.S. 1 yr. Plantagenet High Schl. 6 yrs. assistant in Sturgeon Falls Model School.
Miss A. Fortier, Nov. 1925; Upper School.	Permanent First Class, (Toronto Normal).	4 yrs. in English-French schools of Northern Ont. of which 2 were spent as Principal at Espanola.
Miss C. M. Blanchard, Oct. 1926; B.A. degree (Toronto).	Interim High School Assistant's, Ontario College of Education.	None.
VANKLEEK HILL:		
John Hartley (Principal), July, 1912; Upper School.	First Class. (A graduate of the Walkerton Model School, Toronto Normal School, Hamilton Faculty of Education).	9 yrs. in rural schools in Huron County. 5 yrs. Wroxeter P.S. 1½ yrs. Blyth Continuation School. 5 yrs. Clinton Model School.
Robert Gauthier, Sept. 1926; B.A., Ph.B., Ph.L. (University of Ottawa),	High School Assistant's. (Toronto College of Education), Elementary Certificate Physical Culture, Cadet Instructor's Cert.	Taught a special course in French at summer school, Sturgeon Falls, 1926.
Miss L. Riddell (Teacher of Art); Sept. 1926; B.A., Ontario College of Art, 1 yr.	High School Assistant's, (Specialist in Art), First Class Cert. Elementary Music.	Taught summer course in 1923.
SANDWICH:		
D. M. Eagle (Principal), July, 1912; Senior Leaving.	First Class Cert., Permanent High School Assistant's.	2½ yrs. in rural school near Hespeler. ½ yr. as assistant in Galt. 6 yrs. principal of Model School, Windsor. 5½ yrs. Windsor Collegiate Institute.

STAFFS OF THE ENGLISH-FRENCH TRAINING SCHOOLS

Date of appointment and Academic Certificates at time of appointment	Professional Certificates at time of appointment	Experience and where obtained
A. J. Bénéteau, Sept. 1913; Entrance to Normal, Honour graduate of special French course given under direction of McGill University.	Second Class Certificate.	1 yr. S.S. No. 6 Sandwich W. (English-French).
Albina Sabourin (Sister Mary of the Crucifix), Sept. 1923; Upper School.	Second Class Certificate.	2 yrs. Vaudreuil Co., Quebec. 1 yr. Montreal, Quebec. 3 yrs. Glen Andrew, Ont. 14 yrs. Windsor. 4 yrs. Sandwich. Taught French in all of above.

NOTE—In respect to question 1 (e) regarding Ottawa, the English-French Training School there had to be discontinued on September 1, 1926, as the Separate School Board withdrew the practice school privileges.

Mr. Mitchell asked the following Question (No. 91):—

1. Do returned men have preference in appointments made by the Government.
2. Did a returned man apply for the position of Issuer of Motor Licenses at Barrie.
3. If so, what was his name.
4. Who received the appointment.
5. Is he a returned man.
6. By whom was he recommended.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. Yes, providing they have the requisite qualifications.
2. Two of the six applicants were returned men.
3. Trueman Williams and Fred Morren.
4. R. W. Payne.
5. No.
6. By the Minister.

Mr. Belanger asked the following Question (No. 92):—

1. What amounts were paid to the Township of Gloucester by the Government for township roads construction in the following years respectively: (a) 1924, (b) 1925, (c) 1926.
2. In what manner and to whom were such payments made.
3. If no payments were made in any of such years, what is the reason.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. (a) \$2,552.34, (b) \$3,969.43, (c) nil.
2. By cheque issued by the Provincial Treasury to the Treasurer of the Township of Gloucester.
3. No payment was made in 1926 due to the township not meeting the requirements of the Department.

Mr. Gardiner asked the following Question (No. 98):—

1. What was the total amount retained for the years 1925 and 1926, respectively, by each of the Racing Associations as commission or rake-off, on the wagers laid with them through the pari-mutuel machines.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

No. 1—

Name of Racing Associations	Club Commissions	1925	
		Surplus	Total
Belleville Driving and Athletic Association, Stamford Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario.....	\$59,959 83	\$2,772 12	\$62,731 95
Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton Track, Hamilton, Ontario.....	202,821 75	8,317 85	211,139 60
Kenilworth Jockey Club, Kenilworth Track, Windsor, Ontario.....	213,390 76	8,706 14	222,096 90
Metropolitan Racing Association, Long Branch Track, Long Branch, Ontario.....	201,827 97	9,593 28	211,421 25
Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie Track, Fort Erie, Ontario.....	220,819 02	8,946 05	229,765 07
Ontario Jockey Club, Woodbine Track, Toronto, Ontario.....	283,006 12	14,555 63	297,561 75
Thorncliffe Park Racing and Breeding Association, Thorncliffe Track, Toronto.....	229,932 41	10,799 69	240,732 10
Toronto Driving Club, Dufferin Track, Toronto, Ontario..	218,453 07	10,923 38	229,376 45
Western Racing Association, Devonshire Track, Windsor, Ontario.....	205,111 27	8,136 63	213,247 90
Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor Track, Windsor, Ontario..	237,014 33	9,633 62	246,647 95

Name of Racing Associations	Club Commissions	1926	
		Surplus	Total
Belleville Driving and Athletic Association, Stamford Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario.....	\$14,473 83	\$737 82	\$15,211 65
Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton Track, Hamilton, Ontario.....	155,325 15	6,772 65	162,097 80
Kenilworth Jockey Club, Kenilworth Track, Windsor, Ontario.....	195,847 61	7,580 19	203,427 80
Metropolitan Racing Association, Long Branch Track, Long Branch, Ontario.....	185,202 83	8,605 30	193,808 13
Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie Track, Fort Erie, Ontario.....	104,774 09	4,324 46	109,098 55
Ontario Jockey Club, Woodbine Track, Toronto, Ontario.....	265,607 15	12,353 20	277,960 35
Thorncliffe Park Racing and Breeding Association, Thorncliffe Track, Toronto.....	243,492 29	11,267 51	254,759 80
Toronto Driving Club, Dufferin Track, Toronto, Ontario..	213,250 23	11,386 72	224,645 95
Western Racing Association, Devonshire Track, Windsor, Ontario.....	200,804 28	7,551 32	208,355 60
Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor Track, Windsor, Ontario..	127,055 26	5,050 64	132,105 90

Mr. Kemp asked the following Question (No. 95):—

1. Who are the members of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, and what are their respective salaries.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. George W. Lee, Chairman, \$7,500 per annum; Col. J. I. McLaren, \$2,000 per annum; and Col. L. T. Martin, \$2,000 per annum.

Mr. Widdifield asked the following Question (No. 99):—

1. Did a deputation or deputations wait on the Government to request a reduction on the race track tax. 2. If so, when and who were the members of the deputation.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. No. 2. Answered by reply to No. 1.

Mr. McCallum asked the following Question (No. 100):—

1. What was the total amount wagered in 1924, 1925 and 1926, respectively, on the tracks of the Racing Associations which pay the \$7,500 per diem tax under The Corporation Tax Act.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

No. 1.—

Name of Racing Associations	Total Amount Wagered		
	1924	1925	1926
Belleville Driving & Athletic Association, Stamford Park, Niagara Falls. (a)	\$1,608,993	(b) \$863,637	(c) \$206,769
Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton Track, Hamilton.	3,798,865	3,196,495	2,306,649
Kenilworth Jockey Club, Kenilworth Track, Windsor.	3,600,250	3,368,100	3,005,691
Metropolitan Racing Association, Long Branch Track, Long Branch. (a)	3,094,518	3,167,547	2,835,252
Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie Track, Fort Erie.	3,408,239	3,486,198	(b) 1,630,030
Ontario Jockey Club, Woodbine Track, Toronto	5,275,603	5,208,960	4,757,404
Thorncliffe Park Racing & Breeding Association, Thorncliffe Park, Toronto.	4,379,419	3,696,120	4,053,728
Toronto Driving Club, Dufferin Track, Toronto (a)	3,983,987	3,450,827	3,358,075
Western Racing Association, Devonshire Track, Windsor.	3,183,693	3,196,741	3,109,125
Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor Track, Windsor	4,196,030	3,863,820	(b) 2,149,495
Totals.	<u>\$36,529,597</u>	<u>\$33,498,445</u>	<u>\$27,412,218</u>

(a) Per diem tax, \$2,500.

(b) Operated only 7 days.

(c) Operated only 2 days.

Mr. Medd asked the following Question (No. 101):—

1. What was the total amount of the purses paid last year by each of the Racing Associations paying taxes under The Corporation Tax Act. 2. What was the amount of the purses paid to Canadian-bred horses.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

Nos. 1. and 2.—

Name of Racing Associations	1926	
	Total Amount Paid in Purses	Amount of Purses on Canadian-bred
Belleville Driving & Athletic Association, Stamford Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario.....	\$8,000	
Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton Track, Hamilton, Ontario.....	114,900	\$13,900
Kenilworth Jockey Club, Kenilworth Track, Windsor, Ontario.....	113,700	14,000
Metropolitan Racing Association, Long Branch Track, Long Branch, Ontario.....	113,400	14,000
Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie Track, Fort Erie, Ontario.....	59,500	6,335
Ontario Jockey Club, Woodbine Track, Toronto.....	235,957	57,300
Thorncliffe Park Racing & Breeding Association, Thorncliffe Track, Toronto.....	111,200	22,500
Toronto Driving Club, Dufferin Track, Toronto, Ontario.....	74,800	10,100
Western Racing Association, Devonshire Track, Wind- sor, Ontario.....	107,400	8,700
Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor Track, Windsor, Ontario	82,000	3,900
	Approximate figures.	

Mr. Ferguson delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

WILLIAM DONALD ROSS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1928, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, March 23rd, 1927.

(*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting the City of London.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 50), An Act respecting the Town of Eastview.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 57), An Act respecting the Town of Leamington.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 56), An Act respecting the North Anderdon Shooting Club.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 163), An Act respecting the Taxation of Mines and Natural Gas.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider the following Bill:—

Bill (No. 47), An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 99), An Act to amend The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 60), An Act to amend The Vendors and Purchasers Act, 1926, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 155), An Act respecting Live Stock and Live Stock Products, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 156), An Act respecting the Niagara Parks, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 159), The Local Improvement Act, 1927, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 160), An Act respecting Solemnization of Marriage, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 161), An Act to provide Aid in the Construction of Works in Rural Power Districts, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Public Service Superannuation Board for year ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 41.*)

The House then adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Price, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twelfth Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton.

Bill (No. 27), An Act respecting the Essex Border Utilities Commission.

Bill (No. 51), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 54), An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches, Martintown.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:

Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale.

Your Committee would recommend that the fees less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 20), "An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Beaverton," and on Bill (No. 54), "An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches, Martintown," on the ground that they relate to religious institutions.

Your Committee would also recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Friday the 25th day of March.

Ordered, That the fees less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 20), "An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Beaverton," and on Bill (No. 54), "An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches, Martintown," on the ground that they relate to religious institutions.

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 51 of your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Friday the 25th day of March.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 170), intituled "An Act respecting Public Hospitals and Charitable Institutions." *Mr. Goldie*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 171), intituled "An Act to provide for Authorizing Pensions and Insurance for Employees of Municipal Hydro-Electric Systems." *Mr. Ferguson*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 162), An Act to amend The Surrogate Courts Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 164), An Act respecting Public Service Works on Highways.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 166), An Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 167), An Act to amend The Ontario Public Service Superannuation Act, 1920.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 168), An Act to validate the Grant from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to the Banting Research Foundation.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 165), An Act to amend The Division Courts Act.

Referred to the Committee on Municipal Laws.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 157), An Act to amend The Registry Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 132), An Act to amend The Railway Fire Charge Act, 1925, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 163), An Act respecting the Taxation of Mines and Natural Gas, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 102), An Act to amend The Line Fences Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 50), An Act respecting the Town of Eastview.

Bill (No. 57), An Act respecting the Town of Leamington.

Bill (No. 56), An Act respecting the North Anderdon Shooting Club.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1928, the following sums:—

1. To defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office..	\$5,450 00
2. To defray the expenses of the Prime Minister's Office.....	18,050 00
3. To defray the expenses of the Executive Council Office.....	15,950 00
4. To defray the expenses of the Civil Service Commissioner's Office.....	9,850 00
5. To defray the expenses of the King's Printer's Office.....	36,250 00
8. To defray the expenses of the Legislation.....	376,100 00
9. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Office....	40,200 00
10. To defray the expenses of the Audit of Criminal Justice Accounts.....	11,050 00
11. To defray the expenses of the Inspection of Legal Offices...	22,575 00
12. To defray the expenses of the Land Titles Office.....	39,250 00
13. To defray the expenses of the Local Master of Titles.....	32,900 00

14.	To defray the expenses of the Supreme Court of Ontario . . .	\$112,350 00
15.	To defray the expenses of the Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice	1,299,850 00
16.	To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Districts	273,685 00
17.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Services	227,925 00
18.	To defray the expenses of the Insurance Department	47,050 00
19.	To defray the expenses of the Education Department—Minister's Office	89,300 00
20.	To defray the expenses of the Public and Separate School Education	4,575,210 00
21.	To defray the expenses of the Toronto Normal and Model Schools	154,895 00
22.	To defray the expenses of the Ottawa Normal and Model Schools	99,250 00
23.	To defray the expenses of the London Normal School	53,600 00
24.	To defray the expenses of the Hamilton Normal School	45,470 00
25.	To defray the expenses of the Peterborough Normal School . .	41,900 00
26.	To defray the expenses of the Stratford Normal School	40,900 00
27.	To defray the expenses of the North Bay Normal School . . .	122,300 00
28.	To defray the expenses of the English-French Training Schools	136,000 00
29.	To defray the expenses of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes	435,750 00
30.	To defray the expenses of the Departmental Museum	12,600 00
31.	To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies.	115,900 00
32.	To defray the expenses of the Technical Education	864,300 00
33.	To defray the expenses of the Superannuated Teachers	50,150 00
34.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial and other Universities	210,925 00

35.	To defray the expenses of the Belleville School for the Deaf..	\$145,432 00
36.	To defray the expenses of the Brantford School for the Blind.	93,340 00
37.	To defray the expenses of the Monteith Northern Academy.	70,330 00
38.	To defray the expenses of the Sundries.....	71,500 00
39.	To defray the expenses of the Lands and Forests Department—Lands and Forests.....	1,038,175 00
40.	To defray the expenses of the Forestry Branch.....	1,288,550 00
41.	To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads Branch...	501,700 00
42.	To defray the expenses of the Mines Department.....	358,550 00
43.	To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries Department.....	517,635 00
44.	To defray the expenses of the Public Works Department—Main Office.....	83,350 00
45.	To defray the expenses of the Maintenance and Repairs of Government Buildings—Government House.....	43,350 00
46.	To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Departmental Buildings.....	423,876 35
47.	To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall.....	61,480 00
48.	To defray the expenses of the Educational Buildings.....	14,810 00
49.	To defray the expenses of the Agricultural Buildings.....	8,454 27
50.	To defray the expenses of the District Buildings.....	12,960 00
51.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous.....	68,550 00
52.	To defray the expenses of the Public Works and Bridges....	105,500 00
53.	To defray the expenses of the Public Buildings.....	394,000 00
54.	To defray the expenses of the Highways Department.....	525,725 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices. (*Sessional Papers, No. 5.*)

Also, Auditor's Report, 1925-1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 23.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Finlayson, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Fourth Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee have carefully considered Bills (Nos. 98, 101, 112, 115 and 154), To amend The Municipal Act and such of their provisions as have been approved of have been embodied in a Bill (No. 112) intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1927."

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and beg to report the same without amendment:

Bill (No. 165), An Act to amend The Division Courts Act.

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and beg to report the same with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 59), An Act to amend The Cemetery Act.

Bill (No. 114), An Act to amend The Cemetery Act.

Bill (No. 112), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1927.

The attention of your Committee has been drawn to the neglected condition of many cemeteries throughout the Province and your Committee would recommend that an inspector or inspectors be appointed as authorized by section 11 of The Cemetery Act to see that the provisions of that Act are complied with.

Mr. Lethbridge asked the following Question (No. 96):—

1. What are the names of the firms to whom payments were made, or who were allowed to retain commission during the past year in connection with the collection of the gasoline tax. 2. What was the total amount paid or retained by these firms for collecting the tax. 3. Do the various amounts paid or allowed by the Government appear in the Public Accounts. 4. If so, where.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. It is not in the public interest that this information respecting individual firms should be given. 2. \$71,976.99. 3. No. 4. Answered by No. 3.

Mr. Sinclair asked the following Question (No. 103):—

1. How many miles of paving contracts were awarded by the Highways Department in each of the years 1925 and 1926. 2. How many miles of paving contracts were awarded to the Dufferin Construction Company by the Highways Department in each of the years 1925 and 1926. 3. What were the several contracts awarded to said company in said years. 4. What was paid to said company during the years 1925 and 1926 for each of the contracts so awarded. 5. What amount of money is still owing to said company in respect of any of said contracts.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways replied as follows:—

1. In 1925, 209 miles; in 1926, 192 miles. 2. In 1925, 18.50 miles; in 1926, 28.07 miles. 3. In 1925, Contract No. 1166, asphaltic concrete pavement from Welland westerly, 5.92 miles; Contract No. 1162, concrete pavement south of Guelph, 7.54 miles; Contract No. 1187, concrete pavement, Port Hope westerly, 5.04 miles. Total, 18.50 miles. In 1926, Contract 26-81, macadam roadway, Fraserville to Bailieboro, 5.24 miles; Contract 26-89, asphaltic concrete Welland, northerly, 6.22 miles; Contract 26-92, concrete, Comber West and Leamington

North, 12.54 miles; Contract 26-156, concrete, Shedden to Iona, 4.07 miles. Total, 28.07 miles. 4. For payments made during fiscal year 1924-1925, see Public Accounts as follows: No. 1166, page K 24, No. 1162, page K 24, No. 1187, page K 17. For payments made during fiscal year 1925-1926, see Public Accounts as follows: No. 1166, page L 25, 26-81, page L 17, 26-92, page L 31, 26-89, page L. 25. No payments on Contract No. 26-156 were made until after November 1st, 1926. 5. \$305.25 holdback on Contract No. 26-156.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 27), An Act respecting the Essex Border Utilities Commission.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 51), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 54), An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches, Martintown.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 169), The Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 1927.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 170), An Act respecting Public Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 171), An Act to provide for Authorizing Pensions and Insurance for Employees of Municipal Hydro-Electric Systems.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 162), An Act to amend The Surrogate Courts Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 164), An Act respecting Public Service Works on Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 166), An Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 167), An Act to amend The Ontario Public Service Superannuation Act, 1920, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 168), An Act to validate the Grant from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to the Banting Research Foundation, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids), from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolution:—

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Prime Minister's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars and thirty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney-General's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Insurance Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-eight thousand two hundred and sixty-seven dollars and thirty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Northern Development Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand five hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mines Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-two thousand and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One Million one hundred and sixty thousand one hundred and twenty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Highways Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Labour Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-two thousand five hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Treasurer's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-two thousand two hundred and nine dollars and thirty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture Department for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-seven thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

The several Resolutions having been read the second time were concurred in.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1928, the following sums:—

55. To defray the expenses of the Health Department.....	\$734,875 00
56. To defray the expenses of the Labour Department.....	2,512,980 00
57. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Treasurer's Department—Main Office.....	101,325 00
58. To defray the expenses of the Controller of Revenue.....	268,450 00
59. To defray the expenses of the Board of Censors of Moving Pictures.....	24,400 00
60. To defray the expenses of the Motion Picture Bureau.....	130,625 00
61. To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Records and Archives.....	19,650 00
62. To defray the expenses of the House Post Office.....	89,950 00
63. To defray the expenses of the General.....	150 00
64. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Auditor's Office...	88,750 00
73. To defray the expenses of the London Hospital.....	465,350 00
74. To defray the expenses of the Mimico Hospital.....	270,850 00
75. To defray the expenses of the Orillia Hospital.....	366,000 00
76. To defray the expenses of the Penetanguishene Hospital....	144,625 00
77. To defray the expenses of the Toronto Hospital.....	379,370 00
78. To defray the expenses of the Whitby Hospital.....	520,960 00
79. To defray the expenses of the Woodstock Hospital.....	90,975 00
80. To defray the expenses of the Guelph Reformatory.....	531,100 00

81.	To defray the expenses of the Mercer Reformatory, Toronto.	\$84,000 00
82.	To defray the expenses of the Mercer Reformatory Industries, Toronto.....	10,000 00
83.	To defray the expenses of the Burwash Industrial Farm....	272,500 00
84.	To defray the expenses of the Fort William Industrial Farm.	35,760 00
85.	To defray the expenses of the Boys' Training School, Bowmanville.....	63,600 00
86.	To defray the expenses of the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital..	109,570 00
87.	To defray the expenses of the General.....	52,100 00
65.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department—Main Office.....	266,585 00
66.	To defray the expenses of the Public Institutions—Administration and Inspection.....	96,507 00
67.	To defray the expenses of the Board of Parole.....	16,350 00
68.	To defray the expenses of the Hospitals and Charities.....	1,334,650 00
69.	To defray the expenses of the Brockville Hospital.....	337,850 00
70.	To defray the expenses of the Cobourg Hospital.....	143,702 00
71.	To defray the expenses of the Hamilton Hospital.....	455,650 00
72.	To defray the expenses of the Kingston Hospital.....	294,850 00
88.	To defray the expenses of the Agriculture Department—Minister's Office.....	16,700 00
89.	To defray the expenses of the Statistics and Publications Branch.....	19,075 00
90.	To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.....	228,750 00
91.	To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch.....	203,850 00
92.	To defray the expenses of the Institutes Branch.....	82,525 00
93.	To defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch.....	244,250 00
94.	To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch.....	106,375 00
95.	To defray the expenses of the Agricultural Representatives Branch.....	356,450 00

96.	To defray the expenses of the Markets and Co-operation Branch.....	\$46,225 00
97.	To defray the expenses of the Agricultural Development Board.....	70,000 00
98.	To defray the expenses of the Colonization and Immigration Branch.....	205,225 00
99.	To defray the expenses of the Kemptville Agricultural School	74,000 00
100.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College...	37,650 00
101.	To defray the expenses of the Western Ontario Experimental Farm, Ridgetown.....	28,000 00
102.	To defray the expenses of the Demonstration Farm, New Liskeard.....	16,000 00
103.	To defray the expenses of the Demonstration Farm, Hearst..	1,000 00
104.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College—Administration, Maintenance and Teaching.....	352,515 00
105.	To defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and Hall.	60,022 00
106.	To defray the expenses of the Farm and Departmental Expenses.....	275,168 00
108.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous.....	596,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Department of Lands and Forests for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 3.)

Also, Report for 1926 of The Workmen's Compensation Board. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 28.)

Also, Annual Report of Department of Mines. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 4.)

The House then adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 28TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 172), intituled "An Act respecting Private Hospitals." *Mr. Goldie.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 173), intituled "An Act to regulate the Operation of Public Commercial Vehicles." *Mr. Henry.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Sandy, seconded by Mr. Kemp,

Ordered, That there be laid before the House, a Return, showing the rental per horse-power paid to the Province in respect of the different power developments that are being operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 70), An Act to provide for Township Boards of Public School Trustees, having been read,

And a Debate having arisen,

It was on the motion of Mr. Sinclair,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Goldie presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for year ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 26.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.11 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 1927.

• PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 174), intituled "An Act to make Further Provision for Northern Ontario Development." *Mr. Finlayson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 175), intituled "An Act respecting Municipal Taxation." *Mr. Finlayson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Macdiarmid, from the Standing Committee on Railway Bills, presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 44), An Act to incorporate Mattagami Railroad Company.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Mewhinney,

Resolved, That the Public Accounts Committee be called to meet for organization purposes on Friday, March 4th, 1927, at 10 a.m.

Mr. Raney raised the point of order that the motion could not be considered as the date mentioned in the motion had been passed, and asked for the Speaker's ruling.

The Speaker reserved his decision until To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 70), An Act to provide for Township Boards of Public School Trustees, having been read,

And a Debate having arisen,

It was on the motion of Mr. Ferguson,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of '1928, the following sums:—

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| 6. To defray the expenses of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario..... | \$14,970,000 00 |
| 7. To defray the expenses of the Bonuses to Rural Primary and Secondary Transmission Lines..... | 750,000 00 |
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 165), An Act to amend The Division Courts Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 59), An Act to amend The Cemetery Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 114), An Act to amend The Cemetery Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 27), An Act respecting the Essex Border Utilities Commission.

•Bill (No. 51), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 54), An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches, Martintown.

Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale.

Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 171), An Act to provide for Authorizing Pensions and Insurance for Employees of Municipal Hydro-Electric Systems, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 140), An Act to amend the School Laws, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 122), An Act to amend The Boards of Education Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 162), An Act to amend The Surrogate Courts Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 156), An Act respecting the Niagara Parks, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 77), An Act to make certain changes in the Law in Consequence of the Revision of the Statutes, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 82), An Act respecting Juvenile Courts, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 64), An Act respecting the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 163), An Act respecting the Taxation of Mines and Natural Gas.

Bill (No. 102), An Act to amend The Line Fences Act.

Bill (No. 50), An Act respecting the Town of Eastview.

Bill (No. 57), An Act respecting the Town of Leamington.

Bill (No. 56), An Act respecting the North Anderdon Shooting Club.

Bill (No. 164), An Act respecting Public Service Works on Highways.

Bill (No. 166), An Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario.

Bill (No. 167), An Act to amend The Ontario Public Service Superannuation Act, 1920.

Bill (No. 168), An Act to validate the Grant from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to the Banting Research Foundation.

Bill (No. 161), An Act to provide Aid in the Construction of Works in Rural Power Districts.

Bill (No. 142), An Act to amend The Corporation Tax Act.

Bill (No. 47), An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown.

Bill (No. 150), An Act for the Protection of Neglected and Dependent Children.

Bill (No. 158), An Act to amend The Land Titles Act.

Bill (No. 145), An Act respecting the Adoption of Children.

Bill (No. 146), An Act for the Protection of the Children of Unmarried Parents.

Bill (No. 119), An Act to amend The Power Commission Act.

Bill (No. 84), Respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for year ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 24.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Commissioner under The Extra-Mural Employment of Sentenced Persons Act, 1921, for year ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 43.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Game and Fisheries Department of Ontario, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 9.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Kennedy (Peel) presented the report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization. (*Sessional Papers, No. 44.*)

Mr. Speaker addressed the House as follows:—

On Tuesday, March 29th, a ruling was demanded by the honourable member for Prince Edward as to whether the following Motion offered by the honourable member for South Ontario, viz.:

That the Public Accounts Committee be called to meet for organization purposes on Friday, March 4th, 1927, at 10.00 a.m.

was in order.

My opinion is that this Motion lapsed when the honourable member who gave notice of it failed to move it before the date fixed in it for the meeting of the Committee. He had the option of changing the date at any time, and having refused to do so, I consider it is out of order to move such a Motion twenty-five days after it is proposed that the Committee should meet.

I may say, however, that I am aware of no precedent on which to base a ruling, and since a ruling has been asked, I can only give my view of the matter in accordance with the dictates of common sense.

Mr. Mewhinney asked the following Question (No. 105):—

1. What was the total revenue received in the last fiscal year by the Government from the mining lands of Northern Ontario. 2. What was the total revenue received in the last fiscal year from the lands and forests of Northern Ontario, other than mining lands. 3. What was the total net operating profits of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway in the last fiscal year.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. \$599,065.58. 2. Approximately \$4,033,848.60. 3. \$982,963.95.

Mr. Smyth asked the following Question (No. 97):—

1. How many miles of Rural Hydro lines have been built in the County of Dundas. 2. What did these lines cost to build. 3. How many farmers are served thereby. 4. What is the cost per horse-power.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:—

1. 4.18. 2. \$3,799.24. 3. Nine. 4. At Williamsburg, 8 cents per kilowatt hour. At Chesterville, \$46.50 per horse-power per year.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Mewhinney,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario should contain a statement in detail of all revenues and expenditures in connection with the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, the Board of License Commissioners for Ontario, The Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, similar to the statements furnished by the various departments of Government.

The motion of Mr. Sinclair was with the consent of the House withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Mewhinney,

Ordered, That there be laid before the House, a Return, showing all correspondence leading up to or following or relating to the resignation of Mr. S. L. Squire, Deputy Minister of Highways, passing between Mr. S. L. Squire and the Minister of Highways, the Premier, or any other person or persons.

On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the development of Northern Ontario is of vital interest to all the people of the Province, and that moneys granted by this House from time to time under The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, should be used only after appropriations therefrom have been approved by the House in Estimates, showing the work proposed to be done in each district, the estimated cost thereof, and the relation of the proposed work in each district to the general scheme of development.

And after some time the Motion was with the consent of the House withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1928, the following sum:—

107. To defray the expenses of the General..... \$48,100 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Finlayson, seconded by Mr. Goldie,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the Provincial Land Tax.

Mr. Ferguson acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there shall be payable on all property liable to taxation under this Act, a minimum tax of not less than \$2 per parcel.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That there shall be payable on all property liable to taxation under this Act, a minimum tax of not less than \$2 per parcel.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 130), The Provincial Land Tax Act.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Price,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the setting aside of money for the purposes of The Liquor Control Act of Ontario.

Mr. Ferguson acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Provincial Treasurer may set aside out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, such sums as he shall deem necessary and requisite for the purchase of liquor by the Board, and for other necessary purposes in the administration of this Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Kennedy (Peel) reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Provincial Treasurer may set aside out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, such sums as he shall deem necessary and requisite for the purchase of liquor by the Board, and for other necessary purposes in the administration of this Act.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario.

Mr. Currie, from the Standing Committee on Printing, submitted their Second Report which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee ordered the King's Printer to secure for members of the Legislature the following publications in the number listed below:—

Garden Guide.....112 copies

Universal Handbook..... 50 copies

The Committee recommended that the Members' Manual be brought up to date and printed.

The Committee also ordered that the report of the Standing Committee on Fish and Game be printed in the Journals as usual.

The Committee recommend that the Secretary of the Committee be paid the customary fee.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) presented the Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts which was read as follows and adopted.

Your Committee has had submitted to it the Public Accounts for the Province of Ontario for the fiscal year ending on the 31st of October, 1926.

The following Resolution was passed:—

That the Public Accounts Committee are now prepared to consider and hear evidence on any matter in the Public Accounts of 1926 and to devote as much time as is necessary for the full hearing and consideration of all such matters, and as to any matters which the Leader of the Opposition or any other member of the Committee wish to postpone to 1928, the Committee leave such matters or items to be determined by the Committee of 1928.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Civil Service Commissioner of Ontario for year ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 45.*)

Also, Report of the Department of Agriculture for year ending 31st October, 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 21.*)

Also, Report of Statistics Branch of Ontario Department of Agriculture for 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 22.*)

Also, Report of Board of License Commissioners for Ontario of the operation of The Ontario Temperance Act for 1926. (*Sessional Papers, No. 20.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST, 1927.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Nesbitt presented the Report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections which was read and adopted as follows:

The Committee met on Thursday, March 31st, 1927, in Committee Room No. 1. The following members present: Messrs. Carr, Colquhoun, Ireland, Kenning, Mitchell, Morel, Nesbitt, Oakley, Raney, Reid, Thompson (Lanark) and Wilson (London).

On the unanimous vote of the Committee, Mr. Nesbitt was elected Chairman.

The Committee considered Bill (No. 61), "An Act to Prohibit Political Contributions by Brewers, Distillers, Standard Hotelkeepers, Public Contractors, Crown Lessees and Certain Corporations," standing in the name of Mr. Raney.

After discussion the Committee by a vote of 7 to 2 declined to report the Bill.

Mr. Moore presented the Report of the Committee on Legal Bills which was received and read as follows:—

The Committee met in Committee Room No. 2, Thursday, March 31st, at 10.30 o'clock a.m. with the following members present: Messrs. Honeywell, Martin (Brantford), Moore, Nesbitt, Raney and Shaver.

Upon the unanimous vote of the Committee, Mr. Moore was elected Chairman.

Your Committee, having had under consideration Bill (No. 65), "An Act respecting the Rights of Widows in the Estates of Their Deceased Husbands," and suggestions made for the extension and operation of the Bill, and after consideration of the legislation in force or proposed elsewhere, and having in view the importance of the subject and the desirability of dealing with it in a comprehensive manner, would respectfully recommend that a special Committee of the House be appointed to sit during the Recess and consider the whole subject of the rights of widows, widowers and children in the estates of their husbands, wives or parents, with instructions to prepare such legislation as the Committee may deem proper with a view to its being made the subject of legislation at the next Session.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had laid upon the Table:—

✱ A Return from the Records of the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly held on the 20th day of November and the 1st day of December, 1926, showing:

- (1) The number of votes polled for each candidate in each Electoral District in which there was a contest;
- (2) The majority whereby each successful candidate was returned;
- (3) The total number of votes polled;
- (4) The number of votes remaining unpolled;
- (5) The number of names on the polling lists;
- (6) The number of ballot papers sent out to each polling place;
- (7) The used ballot papers;
- (8) The unused ballot papers;
- (9) The rejected ballot papers;
- (10) The cancelled ballot papers;
- (11) The declined ballot papers;
- (12) The ballot papers taken from polling places;
- (13) A general summary of votes cast in each Electoral District.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 176), intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Revision Amendment Act, 1927."

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-day.

Mr. Lyons asked the following Question (No. 104):—

1. What was the salary allowed for the position of Prime Minister in 1922.
2. What amount was paid to Hon. E. C. Drury as Prime Minister in 1922, and in what amounts was it paid. 3. What amount was allowed Hon. E. C. Drury as Prime Minister in 1923. 4. What amount was paid Hon. E. C. Drury as Prime Minister from October 31st, 1922, up to July 15th, 1923, when the present Government took office. 5. What amounts and on what dates was the monies paid Hon. E. C. Drury after October 31st, 1922. 6. If the amount paid him exceeded the amount paid per month in 1922, on whose instructions was the additional amount paid.

The Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. \$12,000.00 per annum. 2. (a) \$9,000.00; (b) \$375.00 on the 15th and last day of each month. 3. \$12,000.00 per annum. 4. \$8,500.00. 5. November 15th, 1922, \$375.00; November 30th, 1922, \$375.00; December 15th, 1922, \$750.00; January 15th, 1923, \$375.00; January 31st, 1923, \$375.00; February 15th, 1923, \$375.00; February 28th, 1923, \$375.00; March 15th, 1923, \$375.00; March 31st, 1923, \$375.00; April 15th, 1923, \$375.00; April 30th, 1923, \$375.00; May 15th, 1923, \$375.00; May 31st, 1923, \$375.00; June 15th, 1923, \$375.00; June 30th, 1923, \$375.00; July 15th, 1923, \$375.00; July 15th, 1923, \$2,125.00. 6. On the instructions of Honourable E. C. Drury.

Mr. Medd asked the following Question (No. 106):—

1. Was Mr. J. Eady employed in any capacity by the Government Agricultural School at Kemptville prior to the late Ontario general elections. 2. If so, in what capacity. 3. Was he dismissed, and if so, when. 4. What were the reasons for his dismissal. 5. What was Mr. Eady's salary. 6. How long had he been in the employment of the Government. 7. Is he a married man. 8. How much notice was given him of his dismissal.

The Minister of Agriculture replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. Farm foreman. 3. Yes, in December, 1926. 4. Active participation in election campaigns. 5. \$1,500. 6. Since March 1st, 1921. 7. Yes. 8. No notice was specified but he left at the end of the month.

Mr. Miller (Haldimand) asked the following Question (No. 108):—

1. Does the Minister of Education plan to have prepared and authorized for use in the schools of the Province, a new History of Canada. 2. If so, what new features will the new history deal with beyond those now dealt with in the one now in use.

The Minister of Education replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. The narrative will be more largely based on biographical material, and the romantic side of Canadian history made more prominent.

Mr. Robertson (Huron) asked the following Question (No. 109):—

1. What is the per diem allowance made by the Government for inmates of County Houses of Refuge. 2. What is the per diem allowance made by the Government for inmates in similar institutions in cities.

The Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. Nothing. 2. The Government has no knowledge that there are any similar institutions in cities. Refuges in cities are operated and maintained by various public-spirited organizations for the care of the indigent aged and a Government grant of ten cents per inmate per day is made.

Mr. Pearson asked the following Question (No. 111):—

1. (a) How was the Town of Kapuskasing incorporated. (b) Have any amendments been made in its instrument of incorporation since the date of its incorporation. (c) What is the purport of such amendments. 2. (a) Are the debentures of the Town of Kapuskasing guaranteed by the Government. (b) Is it the intention of the Government to continue to guarantee debentures issued by the said town under its instrument of incorporation. 3. Has the Government refused to sell to any individual applicant other than the Spruce Falls Company, Limited, any subdivided or unsubdivided lots in the Town of Kapuskasing or in proximity thereto. If so, for what reason. 4. (a) In 1925, 1926 and 1927, has the Government sold to the Spruce Falls Company, Limited, any subdivided or unsubdivided lots in the Town of Kapuskasing. (b) If so, what is the total acreage of such lots. (c) Has the said Company the right to evict from lots so purchased persons who had already built thereon.

The Minister of Lands and Forests replied as follows:—

1. (a) By Ontario Statutes, 1921, Cap. 36. (b) No. (c) See answer to (b). 2. (a) Under Ontario Statutes, 1924, Cap. 3, Section 2, subsection (j), Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize Provincial Treasurer to guarantee

debentures to the extent of not more than \$100,000 under by-laws of the town and pursuant to Cap. 36, Ontario Statutes, 1921, for waterworks, sewerage, local improvements or other municipal works. (b) Consideration will be given to any applications that may be made. 3. (a) Owing to application of the Spruce Falls Company, Limited, for lots to meet housing needs Department declined to sell, pending conclusion of negotiations with Company. 4. (a) Yes. (b) 81.97 acres. (c) This is a legal question.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Sandy,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing,—1. What were the names and salaries of the different engineers now employed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. 2. What are the names and salaries respectively of the Secretary of the Commission and his assistants and of the staff employed in the law department of the Commission. 3. What was the cost of the law department of the Commission last year.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pearson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing,—1. What is the actual cost per horse-power of power developed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario at the following systems: (a) Niagara, (b) Severn, (c) Eugenia, (d) Wasdells, (e) Muskoka, (f) Central Ontario and Trent, (g) Rideau, (h) St. Lawrence, (i) Thunder Bay, (j) Ottawa, (k) Nipissing. 2. Can more power be developed at these systems. 3. If so, which ones and what amount at each system.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Mewhinney,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing,—1. What amount of crushed stone was purchased by the Department of Highways in each of the years 1925 and 1926. 2. From whom was the same purchased. 3. What was the price paid to each vendor. 4. Were tenders asked for in each case. 5. What tenders were received. 6. What was the rate mentioned in each tender.

On motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing,—1. Has the Government, or any Department thereof, considered amendments to either the Boiler Inspection Act or the Factory Inspection Act in respect to the annual inspection of steam boilers and other pressure vessels. 2. Have there been any conferences between Ministers of the Government or officials of any Department, with interests directly or indirectly concerned in the manufacture, sale, installation or operation of such equipment; when and where did these conferences take

place; what are the names of the parties present, and the interest that each represented. 3. Have there been any conferences between any member of the Government and representatives of any interests at which all of the interests were not invited to be represented. 4. Were records kept of any conferences. 5. Were any proposed amendments drafted by any Department or officials thereof subsequent to and based upon recommendations, suggestions or resolutions, adopted at any such conferences.

On motion of Mr. Miller (Haldimand), seconded by Mr. Pearson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing,—1. (a) Over how many townships or parts of townships, has E. W. Backus or any company controlled by him been granted timber cutting rights. (b) What is the total extent of such timber limits. 2. Under the original terms and conditions of such grants, have the said E. W. Backus or the said companies been required (a) to install any pulp or paper manufacturing plant or machinery at any points and within any periods of time, and if so, at what points and within what periods; (b) to exercise their timber cutting rights within definite periods, and if so, within what periods. 3. (a) Have those requirements been strictly complied with, or have any extensions of time been granted the said E. W. Backus and the said companies to comply with same. (b) If so, when and for how long were such extensions granted.

On motion of Mr. Hogarth, seconded by Mr. Murphy,

Ordered That there be laid before the House a Return of all correspondence between Evan Gray, late Inspector of Insurance, and S. C. Tweed, A.M. Featherston, the Ontario Equitable Life and Accident Insurance Co., Hon. F. C. Biggs, and others, with reference to the purchase of the Policy Holder's Mutual Life Insurance Co., by the Ontario Equitable Co.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 175), An Act respecting Municipal Taxation, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 172), An Act respecting Private Hospitals, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 170), An Act respecting Public Hospitals and Charitable Institutions, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 44), An Act to incorporate the Mattagami Railroad Company.

Referred to a Committee of the whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 173), An Act to regulate the operation of Public Commercial Vehicles.

Referred to a Committee of the whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 174), An Act to make further provision for Northern Ontario Development.

Referred to a Committee of the whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 176), An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Amendment Act, 1927.

Referred to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 70), An Act to provide for Township Boards of Public School Trustees, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, to consider the following Bill:—

Bill (No. 44), An Act to Incorporate the Mattagami Railroad Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 169), The Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 1927, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 176), An Act to Amend The Statute Revision Amendment Act, 1927, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 112), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1927, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 173), An Act to regulate the operation of Public Commercial Vehicles, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 174), An Act to make further provision for Northern Ontario Development, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1928, the following sum:—

107. To defray the expenses of the Agricultural Department,	
Miscellaneous.....	\$48,100 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McBrien reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-day.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-day.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 177), intituled "An Act to amend The Amusement Tax Act."
Mr. Monteith.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-day.

Bill (No. 178), intituled "An Act for raising Money on the Credit of The Consolidated Revenue Fund." *Mr. Monteith.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-day.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 177), An Act to Amend The Amusement Tax Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-day.

Bill (No. 178), An Act for raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-day.

On motion of Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Widdifield,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that in view of the uncertainty that at present exists as to whether the jurisdiction over the manufacture of liquor is in the Parliament of Canada or in the various Provincial Legislatures, early steps ought to be taken to have that question settled by the courts.

The motion of Mr. Raney was with the consent of the House withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Sinclair,

Resolved, on this important occasion in the history of our country, when we are about to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, this House unanimously desires to place on record its profound sense of the notable progress the Dominion of Canada, and especially the Province of Ontario, have made during the past sixty years.

While the people of Ontario rejoice in the advancement of the Province along many and varied lines of enterprise, the betterment of the conditions of

life, and the moral, social and material advance of the community, we value all these advantages in proportion as they contribute to the general welfare of the whole Dominion and of the Empire in which we have a common citizenship.

Realizing that the spirit of unity, co-operation and conciliation that inspired the Fathers of Confederation is as essential to-day as it ever was to the welfare of our country, this House extends its most cordial greetings to all our sister provinces as well as to Canadians everywhere, and earnestly hopes that the approaching celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation will be an occasion for knitting together more closely all the various provinces in a spirit of good-will and co-operation, and that it will serve to renew the devotion to high ideals and the realization of public responsibilities which have long been characteristic of the Canadian people.

To this end this Legislative Assembly earnestly recommends that all public bodies, including municipal councils, school boards, patriotic, business and fraternal organizations utilize every available means for commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation so that it may be accomplished in a manner that will worthily express the patriotism of the people of Canada, and will serve to impress the world with our devotion to our country and our abiding faith in its future, and in the permanence of our liberties and institutions.

The Members of this Legislative Assembly furthermore desire to associate themselves with all other Canadians in sincere and humble gratitude to Divine Providence for the manifold blessings we have enjoyed in the past, as well as for the assurance of peace, comfort and happiness in the days that are to come.

On motion of Mr. Finlayson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the setting apart of money for Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

Mr. Ferguson acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That in addition to the amounts provided by the Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Acts, heretofore enacted, there shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) and the same shall be applied for the purposes set out in the said Acts and in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Settlement Act or any of them.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That in addition to the amounts provided by the Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Acts, heretofore enacted, there shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) and the same shall be applied for the purposes set out in the said Acts and in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Settlement Act or any of them.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 174), An Act to make further provision for Northern Ontario Development.

On motion of Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the Amusement Tax Act.

Mr. Ferguson acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Amusement Tax Act shall not apply to patrons of places of amusement paying not more than twenty-five cents admission.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Amusement Tax Act shall not apply to patrons of places of amusement paying not more than twenty-five cents admission.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 177), An Act to amend the Amusement Tax Act.

On motion of Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Ferguson,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the borrowing of money for the public service.

Mr. Ferguson acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved: 1. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for all or any of the purposes following, that is to say: For the public service, for works carried on by commissioners on behalf of Ontario, for the covering of any debt of Ontario on open account, for paying any floating indebtedness of Ontario, for the carrying on of the public works authorized by the Legislature and for redeeming in whole or in part the outstanding debentures of the Province of Ontario that have been issued free of succession duty.

2. That the aforesaid sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years, at such rate as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario and shall be chargeable thereupon.

3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to the issue herein authorized, and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of one per centum per annum specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved: 1. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for all or any of the purposes following, that is to say: For the public service, for works carried on by commissioners on behalf of Ontario, for the covering of any debt of Ontario on open account, for paying any floating indebtedness of Ontario, for the carrying on of the public works authorized by the Legislature and for redeeming in whole or in part the outstanding debentures of the Province of Ontario that have been issued free of succession duty.

2. That the aforesaid sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years, at such rate as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario and shall be chargeable thereupon.

3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to the issue herein authorized, and such sinking fund

may be at a greater rate than the one-half of one per centum per annum specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 178), for raising money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 71), An Act respecting the Superannuation of Certain Teachers and Inspectors, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 123), An Act respecting The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 117), An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1923, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 116), An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act, 1926, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 130), An Act to amend The Provincial Land Tax Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 147), An Act to amend The Devolution of Estates Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 141), The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, 1927, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 159), The Local Improvement Act, 1927, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting the City of London, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 132), An Act to Amend the Railway Fire Charge Act, 1925, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 140), An Act to Amend the School Laws, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 177), An Act to Amend the Amusement Tax Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 178), An Act for Raising Money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 173), An Act to regulate the operation of Public Commercial Vehicles, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The following Bills were severally read a Third time and passed:

Bill (No. 71), An Act respecting the Superannuation of Certain Teachers and Inspectors.

Bill (No. 72), An Act to amend The Industrial Schools Act.

Bill (No. 113), An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act.

Bill (No. 123), An Act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

Bill (No. 117), An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1923.

Bill (No. 116), An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act, 1926.

Bill (No. 130), An Act to amend The Provincial Land Tax Act.

Bill (No. 151), The Boys' Welfare Home and School Act.

Bill (No. 147), An Act to amend The Devolution of Estates Act.

Bill (No. 141), The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 153), The Fruit and Vegetables Consignment Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 92), An Act to amend The Hospitals for the Insane Act.

Bill (No. 99), An Act to amend The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act.

Bill (No. 60), An Act to amend The Vendors and Purchasers Act, 1926.

Bill (No. 155), An Act respecting Live Stock and Live Stock Products.

Bill (No. 159), The Local Improvement Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 160), An Act respecting Solemnization of Marriage.

Bill (No. 157), An Act to amend The Registry Act.

Bill (No. 132), An Act to amend The Railway Fire Charge Act, 1925.

Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 165), An Act to amend The Division Courts Act.

Bill (No. 59), An Act to amend The Cemetery Act.

Bill (No. 114), An Act to amend The Cemetery Act.

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 27), An Act respecting the Essex Border Utilities Commission.

Bill (No. 51), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 54), An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches, Martintown.

Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale.

Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton.

Bill (No. 171), An Act to provide for Authorizing Pensions and Insurance for Employees of Municipal Hydro-Electric Systems.

Bill (No. 140), An Act to amend the School Laws.

Bill (No. 122), An Act to amend The Boards of Education Act.

Bill (No. 169), The Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 112), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 173), An Act to regulate the Operation of Public Commercial Vehicles.

Bill (No. 174), An Act to make Further Provision for Northern Ontario Development.

Bill (No. 44), An Act to incorporate the Mattagami Railroad Company.

Bill (No. 176), An Act to amend The Statute Revision Amendment Act, 1927.

Bill (No. 177), An Act to amend The Amusement Tax Act.

Bill (No. 178), An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 74), An Act respecting Acquisition of Land for School Purposes, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids), from the Committee of Supply, reported the following further Resolutions:—

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One million seven hundred and twenty-six thousand eight hundred and seventy-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and eighty thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Northern Development, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Mines, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four Hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirty thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Highways, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Treasurer's Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand one hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Prime Minister's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Executive Council Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Service Commissioner's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of King's Printer's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen million nine hundred and seventy thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Bonuses to Rural Primary and Secondary Transmission Lines, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventy-six thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney-General's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Audit of Criminal Justice Accounts, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Inspection of Legal Offices, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Land Titles Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Local Master of Titles, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twelve thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Supreme Court of Ontario, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One million two hundred and ninety-nine thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and seventy-three thousand six hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice in Districts, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-seven thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Insurance Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-nine thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education Department, Minister's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four million five hundred and seventy-five thousand two hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-four thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Toronto Normal and Model Schools, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ottawa Normal and Model Schools, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-three thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of London Normal School, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-five thousand four hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hamilton Normal School, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-one thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Peterborough Normal School, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Stratford Normal School, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-two thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of North Bay Normal School, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of English-French Training Schools, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and thirty-five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Museum, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifteen thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and sixty-four thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Superannuated Teachers, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and ten thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial and other Universities, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-five thousand four hundred and thirty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Belleville School for the Deaf, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-three thousand three hundred and forty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Brantford School for the Blind, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy thousand three hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Monteith Northern Academy, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-one thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sundries, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One million thirty-eight thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Lands and Forests Department, Lands and Forests, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One million two hundred and eighty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Forestry Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and one thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mines Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and seventeen thousand six hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works Department, Main Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Maintenance and Repairs of Government Buildings, Government House, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and twenty-three thousand eight hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-one thousand four hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand eight hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Educational Buildings, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand four hundred and fifty-four dollars and twenty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural Buildings, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District Buildings, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works and Bridges, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and ninety-four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and twenty-five thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Highways Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and thirty-four thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Health Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1828.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two million five hundred and twelve thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Labour Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and one thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Treasurer's Department, Main Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and sixty-eight thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Controller of Revenue, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-four thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Board of Censors of Moving Pictures, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Motion Picture Bureau, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Records and Archives, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of House Post Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Treasury Department Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Auditor's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and sixty-six thousand five hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, Main Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-six thousand five hundred and seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions, Administration and Inspection, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Board of Parole, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One million three hundred and thirty-four thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, for the year ending 31st October, 1928,

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and thirty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Brockville Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

70. *Resolved* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-three thousand seven hundred and two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Cobourg Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-five thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hamilton Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and ninety-four thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Kingston Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and sixty-five thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of London Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and seventy thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of M'mico Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Orillia Hospital, for the year end'ng 31st October, 1928.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-four thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Penetanguishene Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventy-nine thousand three hundred and seventy dollars be granted to H's Majesty to defray the expenses of Toronto Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and twenty thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Whitby Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Woodstock Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and thirty-one thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Guelph Reformatory, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mercer Reformatory, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mercer Reformatory Industries, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Burwash Industrial Farm, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-five thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fort William Industrial Farm, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-three thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Boys' Training School, Bowmanville, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and nine thousand five hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Toronto Psychiatric Hospital, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-two thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural Department, Minister's Office, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Statistics and Publications Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-two thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty-four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairy Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and six thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fruit Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty-six thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural Representatives Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-six thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Markets and Co-operation Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural Development Board, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and five thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration Branch, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Kempville Agricultural School, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Veterinary College, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Western Ontario Experimental Farm, Ridgetown, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Demonstration Farm, New Liskeard, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Demonstration Farm, Hearst, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College, Administration, Maintenance and Teaching, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand and twenty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Macdonald Institute and Hall, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred and sixty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Farm and Departmental Expenses, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-eight thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, were concurred in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Forty-nine millions eight hundred and seventy-four thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-nine cents to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Thompson (St. Davids) from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a Resolution which was read as follows:—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Forty-nine millions eight hundred and seventy-four thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-nine cents to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 179), intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the financial year ending on the 31st day of October, 1927, and for the Public Service of the financial year ending the 31st day of October, 1928, and for other purposes therein mentioned. *Mr. Monteith.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry,

That the full Sessional Indemnity be paid to those members absent on account of illness or other unavoidable cause.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Henry,

That when this House adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, the fifth day of April, at three of the clock in the afternoon.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Minister of Education for the year 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 11.*)

Also, Annual Report of Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon Hospitals and Charitable Institutions for year ending September 30th, 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

Also, Annual Report of Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities on Hospitals for Insane, Feeble-minded and Epileptics of Ontario for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 15.*)

Also, Regulations and Orders-in-Council made under the Authority of the Department of Education Act or Acts relating to Public Schools, Separate Schools or High Schools. (*Sessional Papers No. 32.*)

Also, Annual Report upon the Prisons and Reformatories of the Province of Ontario for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Registrar-General's Branch of the Department of Health for year 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Ontario Board of Parole for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Also, Report on Operations under The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1912, for year ending October 31st, 1926. (*Sessional Papers No. 46.*)

Also, Return to an Order of the House that there be laid before the House a Return showing the amount of insurance carried on each parcel of property, real and personal, of the Province of Ontario, with the names and addresses of the agents who placed the various insurances. (*Sessional Papers No. 47.*)

Also, Return to an Order of the House that there be laid before the House all correspondence between Evan Gray, late Inspector of Insurance, and S. C. Tweed, A. M. Featherston, the Ontario Equitable Life and Accident Insurance Co., Hon. F. C. Biggs and others, with reference to the purchase of the Policy Holder's Mutual Life Insurance Co. by the Ontario Equitable Co. (*Sessional Papers No. 48.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH, 1927

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor proceeded in State to the Legislative Assembly and being seated upon the Throne,

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:—

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province, having at its present Sittings thereof passed several Bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Acts that have passed, severally as follows:—

An Act to amend the Arbitrations Act.

The Minors' Protection Act.

An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

An Act to encourage planting and growing of Trees.

The Fire Departments Act, 1927.

An Act to amend the Provincial Loans Act.

An Act to amend the Wolf Bounty Act, 1924.

An Act to add the District of Patricia to the territorial district of Kenora.

The Public Trustee Act.

An Act to amend the Statute Labour Act.

An Act respecting the Department of Labour.

An Act respecting Employment Agencies.

An Act respecting the Control of Noxious Weeds.

An Act respecting the Township of East York.

An Act respecting the Village of Windermere.

An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich West.

An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.

An Act respecting the Corporation of the Village of Forest Hill.

An Act respecting the Town of Timmins.

An Act respecting the Town of Kapuskasing.

An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

An Act respecting the Board of Management of the House of Refuge of the District of Thunder Bay.

An Act to amend the Assessment Act.

An Act respecting Public Health.

An Act respecting the Hamilton Street Railway Company.

An Act respecting Protection of Cattle.

An Act to amend the Mining Act of Ontario.

An Act to amend the Psychiatric Hospitals Act.

The Forestry Act.

An Act to amend the Bulk Sales Act, 1917.

An Act respecting the Village of Humberstone.

An Act respecting the Township of Bertie.

An Act respecting the Township of North York.

An Act respecting the Township of Thorold.

An Act respecting the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

An Act respecting the Town of Cobalt.

An Act to amend the Marriage Act.

An Act to amend the Athletic Commission Act.

An Act to amend the County Judges' Act.

An Act respecting Infants.

An Act to amend the Conditional Sales Act.

An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of London, Ontario.

An Act respecting the Township of Teck.

An Act respecting the Windsor Gas Company, Limited.

An Act respecting the City of Fort William.

An Act respecting the East York—Leaside Viaduct.

An Act respecting the Town of Palmerston.

An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Township of Stamford and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

An Act to amend the Wages Amendment Act, 1920.

An Act respecting Houses Erected under the Ontario Housing Act, 1919.

An Act to amend the Assignment of Book Debts Act.

An Act to amend the Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act.

An Act to amend the Voters' Lists Act, 1926.

An Act to Improve the Quality of Dairy Products.

An Act to amend the Milk, Cheese and Butter Act.

An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick.

An Act respecting the Town of Tecumseh.

An Act to amend the Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914.

An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Mining Law of Ontario.

An Act to amend the Public Vehicles Act, 1923.

An Act respecting Stationary and Hoisting Engineers.

An Act to amend the Judicature Act.

An Act to amend the Mining Tax Act.

An Act to amend the Surveys Act, 1920.

An Act to amend the Counties Reforestation Act, 1927.

An Act for the Granting of Assistance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada.

An Act respecting the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children.

An Act to Provide for the Maintenance of Parents by their Children.

An Act respecting Legitimation of Children by the Subsequent Inter-marriage of their Parents.

An Act respecting Township of Cornwall.

An Act respecting Township of Nipigon.

An Act to Define the Boundaries or Limits of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chapleau.

An Act respecting the City of Sarnia.

An Act respecting the Township of York.

An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

An Act respecting the Village of Bayfield.

An Act respecting the City of Ottawa and the Township of Nepean.

An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville.

An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

An Act respecting the Town of Almonte.

An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie.

An Act respecting the Town of Dundas.

An Act to amend the Assessment Act.

An Act respecting the Toronto Radial Railways.

An Act respecting the Production and Sale of Milk and Cream for Human Consumption.

An Act to amend the Loan and Trust Corporations Act.

An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

An Act to Grant Aid to the Banting Research Foundation.

An Act to amend Chapter 79 Statutes of Ontario, 1919.

An Act respecting the Taxation of Mines and Natural Gas.

An Act to amend the Line Fences Act.

An Act respecting the Town of Eastview.

An Act respecting the Town of Leamington.

An Act respecting the North Anderdon Shooting Club.

An Act respecting Public Service Works on Highways.

An Act to Provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario.

An Act to amend the Ontario Public Service Superannuation Act, 1920.

An Act to Validate the Grant from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to the Banting Research Foundation.

An Act to provide aid in the Construction of Works in Rural Power Districts.

An Act to amend the Corporation Tax Act.

An Act to Consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Georgetown.

An Act for the protection of Neglected and Dependent Children.

An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.

An Act respecting the Adoption of Children.

An Act for the Protection of the Children of Unmarried Parents.

An Act to amend the Power Commission Act.

An Act respecting the Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Fisheries of Ontario.

An Act respecting the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

An Act respecting Juvenile Courts.

An Act to make Certain Changes in the Law in Consequence of the Revision of the Statutes.

An Act respecting the Niagara Parks.

An Act to regulate and control the Sale of Liquor in Ontario.

An Act to amend the Surrogate Courts Act.

An Act respecting the Superannuation of Certain Teachers and Inspectors.

An Act to amend the Industrial Schools Act.

An Act to amend the Hospitals for the Insane Act.

An Act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1923.

An Act to amend the Highway Improvement Act, 1926.

An Act to amend the Provincial Land Tax Act.

The Boys' Welfare, Home and School Act.

An Act to amend the Devolution of Estates Act.

The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, 1927.

The Fruit and Vegetables Consignment Act, 1927.

An Act to amend the Hospitals for the Insane Act.

An Act to amend the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act.

An Act to amend the Vendors and Purchasers Act, 1926.

An Act respecting Live Stock and Live Stock Products.

The Local Improvement Act, 1927.

An Act respecting Solemnization of Marriage.

An Act to amend the Registry Act.

An Act to amend the Railway Fire Charge Act, 1925.

An Act respecting the City of London.

An Act to amend the Division Courts Act.

An Act to amend the Cemetery Act.

An Act to amend the Cemetery Act.

An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

An Act respecting the Essex Border Utilities Commission.

An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

An Act respecting St. Andrew's Churches, Martintown.

An Act respecting the Township of Tisdale.

An Act respecting the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Beaverton.

An Act to provide for Authorizing Pensions and Insurance for Employees of Municipal Hydro-Electric Systems.

An Act to amend the School Laws.

An Act to amend the Boards of Education Act.

The Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 1927.

The Municipal Amendment Act, 1927.

An Act to regulate the Operation of Public Commercial Vehicles.

An Act to make further provision for Northern Ontario Development.

An Act to incorporate Mattagami Railroad Company.

An Act to amend the Statute Revision Amendment Act, 1927.

An Act to amend the Amusement Tax Act.

An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

To these Acts the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

“In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Mr. Speaker then said:—

May it please Your Honour:

We, His Majesty’s most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty’s person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour’s acceptance a Bill intituled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the financial year ending on the 31st day of October, 1927, and for the Public Service of the financial year ending the 31st day of October, 1928, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

To this Act the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

“His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects, accept their benevolence and assent to this Act in His Majesty’s name.”

His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

Your labours having been concluded, I am privileged at this time to relieve you from the necessity of further attendance at this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

I desire at the outset to commend the expression of devotion to our country, and faith in its future, that characterizes your unanimous deliverance on the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. I join heartily with you in the hope that the occasion will be fittingly observed, and will knit more closely together the various Provinces and the people of our great Dominion.

Agriculture has received much of your attention both in the generous appropriations that have been voted, and in the legislative enactments. Much-

needed provision has been made for energetic action in the control of the growing menace of noxious weeds. Machinery has been created for safeguarding the interests of fruit and vegetable growers in the disposal of their products on a commission basis. The establishment of a minimum standard and sanitary safeguards for the marketing of cream, will prove of advantage alike to producers and consumers. An important step has been taken in the confirmation of Federal legislation in regard to the grading and inspection of agricultural products, while the provincial authority in this regard has been carefully reserved.

The financial provision you have made for education is fully warranted by the flourishing condition of the educational system, which owes so much of its present vitality to the efforts and wishes of the people at large. I am glad to observe the provision for the encouragement of athletics among the school children of the Province, which cannot fail to promote their physical welfare.

By providing for the further extension of the Hydro-Electric power undertakings you have taken steps to ensure that power will be available to meet the growing requirements of the Province. Owing to the delay in the development of the St. Lawrence River, arising out of the international aspect of the matter, the early utilization of the powers of the Ottawa River has become essential to Ontario. It is earnestly to be hoped that no obstruction will be allowed to retard this necessary public undertaking.

It is very satisfactory to observe the extension of the Hydro-Electric service to the rural districts, both as a means of improving the conditions of country life and of applying modern methods to the agricultural industry.

The work of the Session has been marked by the preparation and enactment of legislation to control the sale of liquor. By your careful adherence to the principles approved by the electors you have enlisted a degree of public support for the measure which should ensure the most favourable conditions for its operation and enforcement. It is earnestly hoped that the new law will promote better conditions throughout the Province in connection with the consumption of liquor, and my Ministers count upon the co-operation of all well-disposed people for that very desirable purpose.

Further recognition of the importance of our forest resources, and of the industries dependent upon them, has been given by your approval of the Forestry Act. This measure is the result of a policy of segregating regions primarily adapted to timber growth, thus laying the foundation for the perpetuation of our wooded areas. The work will be under the direction of a Board composed of men of recognized technical and practical qualifications, and will eventually lead to the redemption of large portions of the Province hitherto classified as unproductive.

My Ministers intend shortly to resume the extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway further north toward James Bay, as well as to complete the branch line into the Rouyn mining region. The economic advantage the mining industry will derive from the linking up of the richly mineralized areas in the North country will contribute to the prosperity of the whole Dominion.

Sufficient progress has been made in the exploration of the recently discovered deposits of lead-copper-zinc ore near the Sudbury nickel basin, to warrant the expectation of extensive developments in that locality in the near future. In this connection it is hoped that provision will be made for customs smelting and refining so that owners of small mines in Northern Ontario may be placed in a better position to realize upon the products of their properties.

Increasing traffic on the highways has rendered necessary certain amendments to the law in the interest of public safety. One of these amendments, which will become effective after the first of October next, requires that all horse-drawn vehicles shall carry lights. Further amendments permit an increased rate of speed by motor vehicles outside of urban municipalities, and place a greater responsibility in respect of negligence upon drivers of automobiles.

The consolidation of the work of the Department of Health, by the merging of the Provincial Board with the departmental organization, is designed to unify the control of this important service, and make it a more effective means of conserving the public health.

Several of the measures you have adopted are the result of the careful revision of the Statutes which has been in progress for some time. The work of the revising commission, now having been accomplished, it is hoped that before your next Session the new edition of the Revised Statutes will be issued from the press and distributed.

In conclusion I desire to thank you for the generous provision you have made for the maintenance of the various public services, and to assure you that these appropriations will be administered with due regard to economy and efficiency. I wish also to thank you for the careful and expeditious enactment of much beneficial legislation, and to express the hope that under the blessing of Providence your labours will enure to the welfare and happiness of our people in every walk of life.

The Provincial Secretary then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.



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APPENDIX No. 1

**Minutes of the Meetings of the
Fish and Game Committee, 1927**

Report of the Committee on Fish and Game, 1927

February 25th.

The Fish and Game Committee of the Ontario Legislature held its first meeting for the session of 1927 in the Reception Room of the Parliament Buildings at 10.30 o'clock on the morning of Friday, February 25th. The meeting was the organization one of the Committee, and upon the motion of Hon. Chas. McCrea, Hon. Jos. E. Thompson, M.P.P., St. David's, was elected as Chairman for the year. The following members of the Committee were in attendance: Messrs. Anderson, Birkett, Calder, Costello, Currie, Earngey, Ecclestone, Fletcher, Harcourt, Hill, Kennedy, Kidd, Mathieu, Mewhinney, Miller, Ming, Moore, Murphy, McCrea, Newman, Oliver, Poisson, Robertson, Robb, Ross, Sandy, Skinner, Spence, Stedman, Taylor, Thompson, Vaughan, Weichel, Widdifield, Wright.

Hon. Mr. McCrea brought before the Committee the Bill to consolidate the fish and game laws of the Province and went over the measure, clause by clause, explaining the new provisions in it to the members.

Some discussion ensued over changes which section 3 of the new Act provided. One change was to make the taking out of licenses compulsory for guides and to define the term guide so that it would apply to anyone undertaking guide duties for gain or reward. Hon. Mr. McCrea explained that the policy of the Department back of this change was the policy with which every member of the Committee was in agreement, namely, conservation of the great asset which the Province had in its fish and game resources and the realization at the same time of a reasonable revenue from them. Mr. Widdifield wondered if the legislation might not be evaded by hunting parties employing guides in the guise of handy men. Mr. Sandy was anxious that the legislation should not prevent parties going out without a guide. Mr. Weichel was interested in the requirements that would be specified as a basis of a license, pointing out that Indians who are in many cases the very best guides, might find it difficult to qualify if the requirements were based on any tests of literacy. Hon. Mr. McCrea gave assurance that it was not the Department's intention to enforce any drastic legislation. He said that the granting of licenses would be done largely on the recommendation of a district overseer who would know the qualifications of the applicant. The aim of the legislation, Hon. Mr. McCrea said, was to accredit the guides of the Province in order that tourists might have greater confidence in them, and also to enlist the co-operation of the guides in the enforcement of the game laws of the Province.

Section 3 also interpreted the term "hunt" in order to make convictions easier for the Department and it defined non-residents in order that there might be a clearly stated principle for applying the discriminatory license fees charged to this class. Section 3 also defined the terms "officer," "one day," "person," and "resident."

Discussion again ensued on the proposed clause in the Act making the deer and moose season north and west of the French River and Mattawa River open on October 10th and close on November 20th, thus advancing it ten days. Hon. Mr. McCrea explained that the change was being made at the request of sportsmen interests in the north country, who claimed that the season as it had existed had opened too late and that valuable tourists traffic was being lost to the district. Col. Currie urged that the season south and east of the French and Mattawa Rivers should also open earlier. He claimed that under present conditions, hunters were unable to get their deer, while the settlers would shoot them before the season opened and then sell them when the hunters would arrive. The Committee Chairman assured Col. Currie that the matter would be considered at a later meeting of the Committee.

Section 2, subsection 2 in the new Act, prohibited the use of poison for killing any fur-bearing animals. Hon. Mr. McCrea stated that the improvement in the wolf snare made such legislation now feasible. Section 17 was explained as providing for a license for non-resident fur dealers. Section 19 prohibited the employment of unlicensed guides. Section 20 provided for the issuing of trapping licenses to residents only. Section 26 reduced the royalties on black and silver foxes from \$10 to \$5, to conform with other provinces. Section 29 required that all skins of fur-bearing animals taken in closed season be reported to the Department within ten days. Section 32 required the loss of dogs in the woods to be reported so that they might be found if possible and prevented from going wild. Section 34 required that a permit be obtained to hold in the closed season pelts taken outside of Ontario.

In this connection, Col. Currie raised the point of providing penalties in the Act for a white man who kills beaver and sells the skins to Indians. Hon. Mr. McCrea instructed that a memorandum be made of the matter and that the Department recommend a clause to cover the point.

Section 42 placed the onus of proof upon the owner to show that an automatic shot gun was not being used illegally in the killing of game. Section 43 permitted a resident railway employee to carry firearms. Section 44 protected signs put up by the Department. Section 46 required that poles used with lines of baited hooks be marked with the owner's name. Section 48 prevented game or fish which might lawfully be had from being served under the name of anything which might not be served lawfully in hotels, etc. Sections 12 (2) and 35 (5) of the Bill were along the same lines. Section 49 permitted a search of a motor vehicle by Department officers looking for game illegally in possession. Section 51 provided that the shipping coupon should expire four days instead of ten, after the close of the season. Section 58 replaced the now obsolete sections which permitted the Department to deal in fish as a war-time measure. Section 58 provided that only the deputy minister, assistant deputy, inspectors and district wardens should be justices of the peace under the Act. Section 60 gave the Department official discretion as to whether or not he should arrest a person whom he had caught in an offence. The same section extended the powers of seizure to vehicles, motor cars, aeroplanes and air guns, and the same section extended the right to search Nipigon fishing camps to angling and hunting camps anywhere. Section 62 abolished the limitation, whereby the offender against the Act could not be taken farther than ten miles from his home for trial, this change placing the fish and game Act on the same basis as other provincial law. The same section extended the period of limitation from six to twelve months in order that non-residents who come to the Province only once yearly might be charged with the offences of a previous year if the Depart-

ment should deem it wise to do so. Section 63 made mere possession of a seine net *prima facie* evidence of guilt, unless there should be lawful excuse. Section 64 made various changes in the penalties of the Act, increasing minimum fine for violation of conditions of license or permit from \$5 to \$10, reducing from \$200 to \$100 the maximum penalty for offences in respect of deer, moose, caribou, beaver, otter, fisher, and marten, increasing from \$20 to \$30 the maximum fine in respect to the exported beaver, increasing from \$5 to \$10 and from \$50 to \$100 respectively the minimum and maximum fines for penalties not specially provided for, raising from \$100 to \$500 the penalty for the obstruction of officers, and giving to the Minister the power now held by justices of the peace to remit penalties or reduce fines. Section 65 provided that forfeiture of means of transportation, gear, etc., should take place only after conviction and not upon seizure as before. A new part 9 of the Act was read by Hon. Mr. McCrea and contained the law which covered control over trespassers.

Dr. Poisson brought to the attention of the Committee the case of poachers in the Lake Erie district who fished on top of the seine nets and stole their fish and even destroyed the nets. He believed that the fishermen who paid a license fee to the Government were entitled to protection. Hon. Mr. McCrea agreed and instructed that a clause be drafted to cover the point.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, March 2nd. at 10.30 o'clock.

March 2nd.

The Committee on Fish and Game convened for its second meeting of the 1927 session at 10.30 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, March 2nd. The following members were present: Messrs. Costello, Currie, Earngey, Graves, Harcourt, Hill, Homuth, Ireland, Kennedy (Temiskaming) Legault, Macdiarmid, Miller (Elgin), Ming, Moore, Morel, Murphy, McNaughton, Oliver, Pinard, Poisson, Reid, Ross, Sandy, Skinner, Taylor, Thompson (Toronto), Vaughan, Weichel, Widdifield, Willson (Niagara Falls).

The day was given over to the hearing of depositions, the first one being received from the Muskrat Breeders' Association.

Upon behalf of this association, L. M. Brown of Port Rowan, asked that the present law be amended so as to remove the limit of fifty acres placed upon the enclosure which a muskrat fur farmer is allowed to maintain. He also asked for some simpler method of securing permits for the export of rats in the closed season, his suggestion being that the Department should issue shipping tags or that it should permit shipments and accept a certified account of the shipments at the close of the season.

Editor Hudson of the *Fur Trade News* addressed the Committee to the same effect as Mr. Brown, and expressed the view that the law governing muskrat farms was more favourable in many of the United States and in British Columbia than it was in Ontario.

Mr. Ferris brought forward the case of the muskrat trapper, and urged that the law prohibiting the setting of traps within five feet of the muskrat house, in the runways, or in the feeding ground should be amended. It prevented, he declared, the trapping of rats, since it required the trap to be placed in places where the muskrat did not go.

The Committee heard the representations of the Muskrat Breeders, and Chairman Thompson promised that the points raised would receive full consideration.

The Committee then heard a deputation from the Ontario Hunters' Game and Fish Protective Association.

The spokesmen for the deputation were President, W. J. Moody of Kitchener; Second Vice-President, Dr. N. A. Powell of Toronto; Secretary-Treasurer, J. C. Richardson of Toronto, and Wm. Pears of the Executive Committee. Speaking as persons interested in the fish and game of the Province from a conservation standpoint and particularly with a view of seeing it perpetuated for future generations of Ontario sportsmen, the spokesmen for the deputation urged the following changes in the law upon the Committee:

- (1) The prohibition of the sale of deer, moose and caribou.
- (2) That the daily bag limit for ducks be set at fifteen per day, or 120 for the season; that duck hunters be limited to one gun per man; that baiting be disallowed, and that blinds only be allowed on the shore line.
- (3) Creation of more game sanctuaries.
- (4) That the wolf bounty be uniform, irrespective of the age of the wolf or pup captured.
- (5) That the opening date for bass, pickerel and lunge be made July 1st in each year.
- (6) That pike be protected in the waters of Hamilton Bay.
- (7) That no foxes or bear be taken or hunted during the summer months.
- (8) That the Fish and Game Committee use its influence to have a greater number of counties adopt the gun license.
- (9) That the cooper's hawk should be added to the list of birds that can be destroyed at any time, since it is just as destructive as the sharp-shinned hawk.

The spokesmen for the deputation were heard and the Committee gave assurance that the representations would receive full consideration.

The Committee then heard from Dr. Meyer of Ridgetown the requests of the Kent County Gun Club, which at present has a membership of 148, who asked:

- (1) That the chasing of ducks should be prohibited.
- (2) That the distance of decoys or hides from shore should remain at 200 yards.
- (3) That decoys should not be removed from the water overnight, with the provision that they should not remain in the water on Sundays.
- (4) That shooting in Rondeau Bay begin on October 1st.
- (5) That shooting should be between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- (6) That the distance between hides and decoys should be enlarged.

The Committee heard the representation of Dr. Meyer, and promised that the points raised would have due consideration.

The Committee then adjourned at 12.30 a.m., after having agreed to meet again on the morning of Wednesday, March 9th, at 10 a.m.

March 9th.

The Fish and Game Committee of the Ontario Legislature held its third meeting for the 1927 session at 1.30 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 9th. The following members were in attendance: Messrs. Anderson, Calder, Earney, Fletcher, Gardiner, Graves, Harcourt, Hill, Kidd, Legault,

Lethbridge, Macdiarmid, Mewhinney, Miller, Ming, Moore, McCrea, McNaughton, Newman, Oliver, Poisson, Robertson (Northumberland), Robb, Sandy, Skinner, Spence, Stedman, Taylor, Thompson (St. David), Thompson (Lanark), Willson (Niagara Falls), Wilson (London), Wright.

The Committee heard a deputation representative of the Toronto Anglers' Association, on behalf of whom the following speakers made representations:

Mr. Walter Davidson, who expressed the view that the pickerel season should open on the same date as the bass season, and that a greater proportion of the Department's revenue than one-half should be turned back into the improvement of the fish and game resources of the Province. Mr. Davidson specified the problems of angling as threefold, namely, (1) of research, which called for a greater appropriation for the department of biology in the University of Toronto; (2) of protection, which required a greater force of impartial game wardens; (3) of restocking, in which connection attention should be directed to depleted streams.

Dr. W. R. Wilson, who stressed the efforts which the Anglers' Association was making to interest the people resident in the fishing districts in the importance of conservation, telling them that each tourist was worth \$100 to the locality and each fish about ten cents. Dr. Wilson suggested that a sign should be erected beneath or attached to the fire signs in the fishing districts, bearing the legend: "If you wish to fish here next year, obey the game laws; if you do not wish to fish here next year, some one else will, so obey the game laws." Dr. Wilson referred in conclusion to the periodic destruction of lunge along the Trent waterways. He mentioned as the two chief causes the lowering of waters for canal purposes at various times in the year, and the depletion wrought by local inhabitants. He urged that the Government should send a biologist to these waters to study the whole problem.

Gregory Clark, who gave to the Committee the result of research which Dr. A. P. Knight, eminent biologist, had made. The research had been directed towards finding out what percentage of fry deposited under the present methods survive. The result had been to discover that fully eighty per cent. were consumed by enemy fish. Dr. Knight's report urged that not only should the waters in which fry are deposited be carefully studied, but also that the distribution itself should be made over a wide area in a careful manner, instead of the fry simply being dumped in the one spot. Dr. Knight also recommended that enemy fish should be seined out. Mr. Clark also spoke in the interests of generous treatment of the Fish and Game Department in the supplementary estimates.

William Douglas, who elaborated on the spirit of law enforcement which the Anglers' Association was fostering amongst the Ontario public. He strongly urged that the Fish and Game Department should be dealt with more generously in the Government's estimates. American sportsmen would no longer go to their own streams to fish, he emphasized, which meant that Ontario had the opportunity of catering to this lucrative traffic, as well as to the fishing wants of its own residents.

The representations of the Anglers' were heard by the Committee and assurance of consideration was given on behalf of the Committee by its Chairman, Hon. Mr. Thompson.

Hon. Mr. McCrea, Minister of the Fish and Game Department was in attendance at the meeting to hear the views of the anglers. He inquired their views as to the advisability of opening the bass season on July 1st, and of shortening the trout season by two weeks in September. He pointed out with

respect to the bass proposal that the Department biologist had made a study of the bass during the past year and was responsible for the recommendation.

The anglers concurred in the suggestion to open the bass season on July 1st, but did not approve any curtailment of the trout season, declaring that their biologists had informed them that no more harm was occasioned by catching trout in September than in May. They strongly desired that the pickerel season should open on the same date as the bass season, in order that law breakers might not take bass on the pretence that they were fishing for pickerel. Hon. Mr. McCrea pointed out that there would be many local objections to such a law, but stated that he would be glad to go into the matter more fully. He recalled that the legislature last year had passed a local law on the point applying to the Counties of Durham and Northumberland, but not applying to any person fishing from the bank of a stream. Hon. Mr. McCrea's suggestion was that possibly an extension of this law to various other counties would meet the situation.

Dr. Robb brought to the attention of the Committee the fact that the change which had been announced in the hunting season in the north country had created opposition there. He mentioned an indignation meeting which had been held in Sault Ste. Marie. Promise was given by Chairman Thompson, that the matter would be considered at the next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned to meet on Friday morning, March 11th, at 10.30 o'clock.

March 15th.

The Fish and Game Committee of the Ontario Legislature held its fourth sitting of the 1927 session on the morning of Tuesday, March 15th, in the Public Accounts Committee Room. The following members were in attendance: Messrs. Calder, Earngey, Ecclestone, Gardiner, Hill, Kennedy, Lethbridge, Miller (Elgin), McCrea, Newman, Pinard, Poisson, Robb, Sandy, Skinner, Spence, Stedman, Stuart, Taylor, Thompson (St. David), Weichel, Willson (Niagara Falls).

Hon. Mr. McCrea, Minister of the Department of Fish and Game, attended the meeting of the Committee to explain certain conclusions at which the Department had arrived with respect to the bass fishing season and the moose and deer hunting season. With regard to the bass season, he stated that the Department's biologist has been making a careful study of the bass with a view to its protection and propagation. The study had led to the conclusion that many bass which had not yet deposited their spawn were taken by having the season open as early as June 16th. The Department was recommending, accordingly, that the opening be set back to July 1st. There was a further suggestion which was being thrown out but not pressed that the daily limit of catch be reduced from eight to five. Hon. Mr. McCrea said that it would be considered wise to leave the season unchanged along the St. Lawrence waters in view of the fact that the adjacent state of New York opened its season on June 16th.

H. H. McKay, biologist of the Department, addressed the members of the Committee on the research work which he had carried on in connection with bass. He stated that the work had indicated that the change in the season would be advisable.

The Committee agreed that the change in the season should be made except along the St. Lawrence, and that it should open on July 1st. The Committee decided, however, to leave the daily limit of catch unchanged.

Hon. Mr. McCrea then discussed the deer and moose hunting season. He stated that the action of the Committee in opening the season north and west of the French and Mattawa Rivers and south of the Transcontinental Railway ten days earlier and in balancing this change by closing it ten days earlier, had not met with favour in the north country. Hon. Mr. McCrea declared that there were a number of hunters who liked to go into the woods by canoe and that these wished the earlier season. On the other hand, there were a great number of supporters of the later hunting, when the keeping of the deer meat was less of a problem. In order to meet the wishes of both parties the Department was proposing, Hon. Mr. McCrea said, that the season open ten days earlier as the Committee had decided at its first meeting, but that the closing of the season be left unchanged without the cut of ten days. Hon. Mr. McCrea therefore suggested the following seasons to the Committee:

North of the Transcontinental Railway, September 15th to November 30th.

North and west of the French and Mattawa Rivers and south of the Transcontinental Railway, from October 10th to November 30th.

South and east of the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing, November 5th to 30th.

The Committee discussed and agreed upon these seasons as suggested by the Minister.

The question of hunting with dogs was tentatively raised by Mr. Taylor, but upon Hon. Mr. McCrea's suggestion, it was left over. The Minister believed that perhaps next year the whole question of hunting with dogs would have to come up for comprehensive discussion and settlement.

Mr. Ecclestone inquired of the Minister whether or not the Department intended to put on a special patrol of enforcement officers during the hunting season. He was told that it was the practise of the Department to engage a special force during the season and that last year 150 extra men had been so engaged.

Mr. Ecclestone also inquired if the Government intended to appoint a special committee of the House to study the fish and game resources of the Province. Mr. Ecclestone pointed out that agriculture had had a committee to investigate its conditions, and he believed that in view of the growing nature of the tourist traffic and the possibilities of the fur and fish resources, a careful investigation of the whole Province in the light of its fish and game interests would prove most profitable. The cost would be slight to the Province in comparison with the benefit which was to be gained.

Mr. Ecclestone added that he would be glad to personally care for the members of such a committee without cost to the Province during any time which they might spend in Muskoka.

Mr. Taylor supported the suggestion, believing that it would be most advantageous to the Province. Dr. Poisson was sceptical of benefits which were to be secured through such means. He believed that the appointment of such committees had a tendency to take away initiative which properly belonged to the Department.

Hon. Mr. McCrea stated that he would take the suggestion under consideration.

Mr. Gardiner spoke in the interests of some relaxation of the prohibition of the use of nets on the Thames River. He stated that the residents of the district there felt that they had a grievance in the fact that they were not allowed to net fish for domestic use. The residents found it impossible, he claimed, to catch fish with rod and line in the Thames River, or by means of the four-foot net for which an open season was provided. Mr. Lethbridge also spoke to the question. He declared that his information was that seine nets were being used for commercial purposes at the mouth of the Thames River and that this was responsible for the depleted condition of the stream. Dr. Poisson registered his objection to any relaxation of the netting law, recognizing it as a necessary means of conservation.

Hon. Mr. McCrea explained that the problem with which the Department was faced was the restoration of some of the older streams in the Province which had become depleted. The only way in which this could be done was by restrictive conservation measures, such as the prohibition of net fishing represented. He promised, however, that he would send a departmental official to investigate the Thames River situation.

The Committee commenced then to go over the recommendations which had been submitted to it with reference to the various classes of game.

Bear.

The Ontario Hunters' Game and Fish Protective Association recommended a closed season from April 1st to November 1st.

The Committee agreed that no action should be taken.

Duck Season.

Forest H. Conover, Esq., Leamington, recommended a shorter open season of eight weeks.

Nelson Long, Esq., Hamilton, recommended eliminating September from the open season.

J. R. Humphreys, Esq., Department of Education, Toronto, recommended that the season open 15th up to and including September 30th, when season is closed until October 15th and continues up to December 15th, both days inclusive.

D. Marr, Esq., Ridgetown, recommended that the season commence at Rondeau Bay, October 1st.

The Committee agreed that no action should be taken on these recommendations.

Bag Limit.

Forest H. Conover, Esq., Leamington, recommended a daily bag limit of fifteen and a season limit of 100.

Ontario Hunters' Game and Fish Protective Association, recommended a bag limit of fifteen per day and 120 per season.

Nelson Long, Esq., Hamilton, recommended a reduction in the bag limit for ducks.

A petition from sportsmen residing in and around the City of London, opposed any reduction or change in the bag limit.

The Committee agreed that no action should be taken on these recommendations.

Blinds.

Forest H. Conover, Esq., recommended against blinds.

The Ontario Hunters' Game and Fish Protective Association, recommended that baiting be entirely prohibited and that all blinds or hides be allowed only on the shore line.

C. N. Stewart, Esq., City Engineer's Office, Hamilton, recommended an amendment to prohibit the shooting of ducks at a greater distance than seventy-five yards from shore.

A petition from sportsmen residing in and around the City of London, opposed limiting the distance from shore to seventy-five yards.

J. R. Humphreys, Esq.; Department of Education, Toronto, recommended a 200-yard limit.

D. Marr, Esq., Ridgeway, recommended the 200-yard limit, the taking in of decoys, prohibition of the chasing of ducks, that the distance between same be enlarged, and that one day be defined as from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A. Smith, Esq., 242 St. Clair St., Chatham, recommended that duck shooting regulations be left exactly as they are.

Discussion on these regulations ensued in the Committee, with Mr. Taylor strongly favouring the 75-yard limit, arguing that present conditions were making for the commercialization of the sport in Rondeau Bay, where, he declared, hides were rented for from \$10 to \$25 per day. Mr. Taylor also claimed that ducks were being shipped commercially to the American market from the Rondeau district in the guise of fish. Mr. Willson (Niagara Falls), opposed the 75-yard rule on the ground that it would prevent duck shooting by making the erection of blinds impossible in the many shallow waters which existed in the Lake Erie and St. Clair areas. Following further discussion, the Committee agreed that no action should be taken on the recommendations and that the law should be left as at present.

The Committee then adjourned to meet on Friday morning, March 18th, at 10.30 o'clock.

March 18th.

The Fish and Game Committee of the Ontario Legislature held its fifth meeting of the 1927 session on the morning of Friday, March 18th, at 10 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Messrs. Calder, Earngey, Ecclestone, Gardiner, Graves, Hill, Ireland, Kennedy (Temiskaming), Macdiarmid, Miller (Elgin), Murphy, Newman, Oliver, Poisson, Robb, Sandy, Stedman, Taylor, Thompson (St. David), Widdified, Wright (Simcoe).

The Committee's agenda consisted of considering the many recommendations concerning the fish and game laws which had been submitted to it or to the Department. Action upon them was taken as follows:

The Committee concurred in a resolution from the County of Halton, asking that the gun license be extended to it.

The Committee also upon the initiative of Hon. Mr. Macdiarmid, discussed the advisability of extending the gun license to apply to all counties bordering on Lakes Erie and Ontario as far east as York County. Hon. Mr. Macdiarmid expressed his strong conviction that only by means of a gun license could protection be given to the birds in these counties, especially the song birds and the pheasants, the latter of which the Government was endeavouring to propagate at considerable expense. The members of the Committee were not

unanimous upon the plan, Mr. Miller of East Elgin, arguing that a gun license by prohibiting hunting by boys under fifteen, and from perhaps generally discouraging shooting in rural districts, would mean increased protection for the woodchucks and jack-rabbits, which were rapidly becoming farm pests. In view of the lack of unanimity on the matter, however, it was decided by the Committee that it should not make a recommendation. Mr. Graves, in whose district the license has been operative for one year, assured the Committee upon arriving after the subject had been closed that there was the greatest of satisfaction over the license plan amongst his constituents. He had heard of only two complaints during the whole year, he said.

In connection with the matter of protection for the dens of fur-bearing animals, the Department recommended that Section 28, subsection 2 of Bill No. 84 should be replaced by a similar section, reading: "It shall be unlawful for any person to molest or destroy a den or usual place of habitation of any fur-bearing animal, other than wolf." The Committee concurred in this recommendation.

With regard to raccoons, Colonel Emmerton of London, recommended that there be an open season for the months of November and December. The Committee concurred in the recommendation.

The question of the sale of game, which had been threshed out in the Committee of the year before, when it had been passed only to be killed in the House, was again brought forward. Mr. Taylor was decidedly of the opinion that the sale should be barred on the ground that it was leading to a commercialization of the deer and moose season. The Committee concurred in the proposal.

Under the general heading of trap lines, the Department brought to the Committee's attention the omission of the following section governing the snaring of animals. "It shall be unlawful for any person at any time to use a snare for the purpose of taking game, which shall include rabbits, in that part of the Province lying south of the French and Mattawa Rivers." The Committee authorized the dropping of the section from the Act.

The Department also recommended the insertion into the Act of the following clause: "Without lawful excuse no person shall have in his possession or in the possession of his servant or agent or any other person on his behalf at any time the skin of any fur-bearing animals protected by the Act while skin is in unprime condition, excepting skins of muskrat taken in accordance with subsections 5 and 6 of section 11." The Committee authorized the insertion of this clause in the Act.

The Committee also adopted the definition of unprimed skin which the Department suggested as follows: "The word unprime when applied to skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals shall mean any skin or pelt that shows natural markings to any extent of a dark or bluish colour on the flesh side."

The Committee also without dissent adopted the following resolution: "In the opinion of this Committee, we believe that Algonquin Park is a breeding place for wolves and that there should be some co-operation between the Lands and Forests and Fish and Game Departments with a view to the destruction of the wolves."

Upon behalf of various hunters, principally about St. Thomas, Hon. Finlay Macdiarmid argued for a hunting season in that part of the Province south and east of the Mattawa and French Rivers which would open earlier than the present date of November 5th. No great objection was raised in the Committee to the November 1st opening, an advantage of some five days. The Department was also willing in the interests of a uniform closing date throughout the Province

to extend the season from November 20th to November 30th. The Committee agreed, accordingly, that the season should open on November 1st and remain open until November 30th.

Mr. Calder asked that the Department should investigate the duck shooting at Rondeau Bay, in view of there having been considerable discussion during the session of alleged commercialization of blinds. He was assured that an official would be sent from the Department to inquire into conditions.

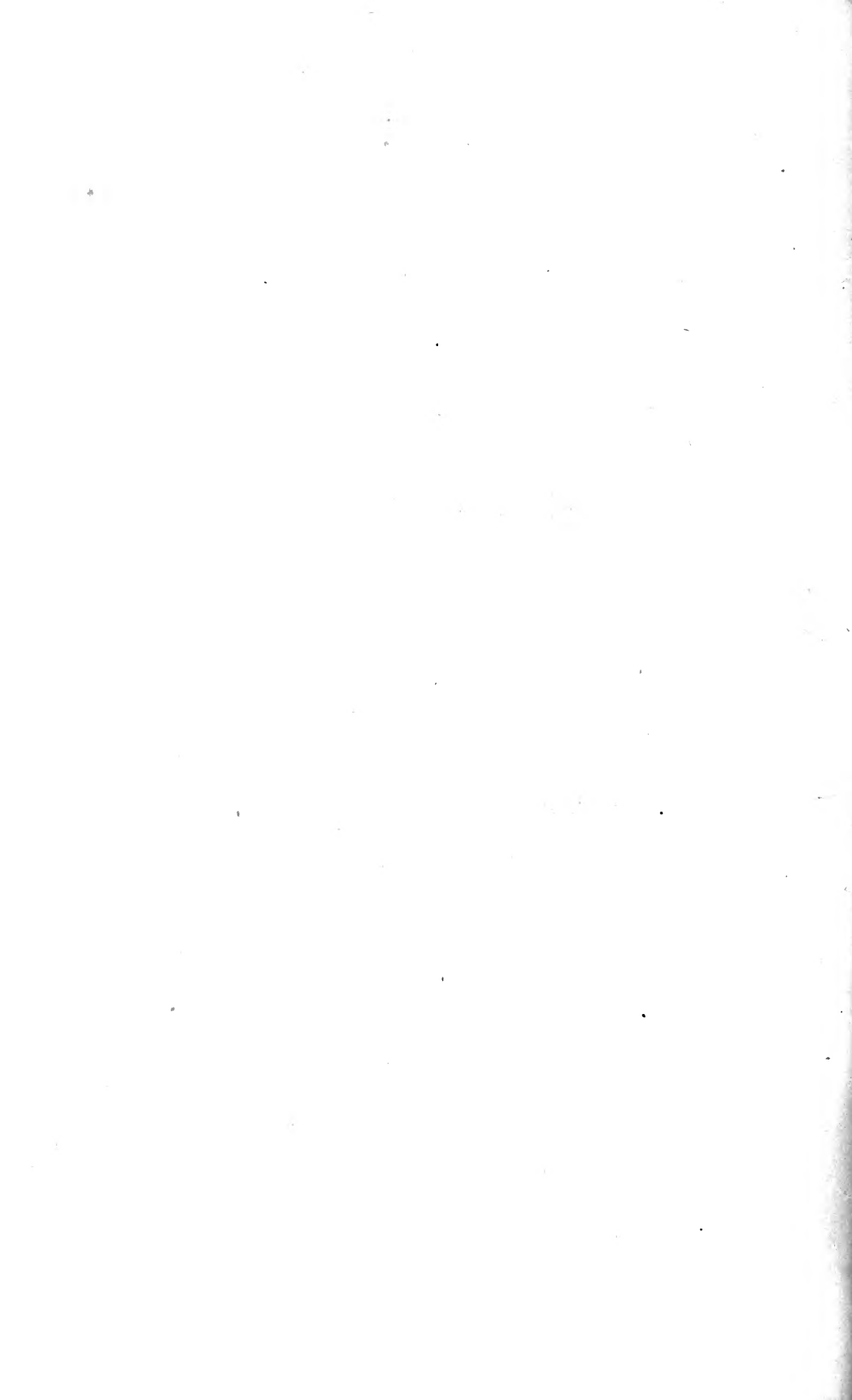
No further business remaining to the Committee, it adjourned for the session at 12.20 o'clock.



APPENDIX No. 2

Committee on Public Accounts.

Proceedings, 1927.



Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, 1927

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

Your Committee has had submitted to it the Public Accounts for the Province of Ontario for the fiscal year ending on the 31st of October, 1926.

The following Resolution was passed:—

That the Public Accounts Committee are now prepared to consider and hear evidence on any matter in the Public Accounts of 1926 and to devote as much time as is necessary for the full hearing and consideration of all such matters, and as to any matters which the Leader of the Opposition or any other member of the Committee wish to postpone to 1928, the Committee leave such matters or items to be determined by the Committee of 1928.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. E. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1927

Public Accounts Committee Room,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, March 30th, 1927.

The Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year 1925-1926 and composed of the following members: Messrs. Ferguson, Acres, Baird, Belanger, Birkett, Bradburn, Carr, Clark, Costello, Currie, Ecclestone, Edwards, Finlayson, Fletcher, Flett, Godfrey, Graves, Haney, Harcourt, Henry, Hill, Hillmer, Homuth, Honeywell, Ireland, Kemp, Kennedy (Temiskaming), Kennedy (Peel), Kidd, Legault, Lethbridge, Lyons, Macaulay, Martin (Norfolk), Martin (Brantford), Medd, Mewhinney, Miller (Elgin), Mitchell, Moore, Morel,

Monteith, Murphy, McCrea, McQuibban, Nesbitt, Newman, Nixon, Oakley, Oke, Oliver, Pearson, Price, Proulx, Raney, Reid, Robb, Robertson (Huron), Sandy, Scholfield, Sinclair, Smith (Greenwood), Smyth (Dundas), Stedman, Taylor, Thompson (St. David), Thompson (Lanark), Vaughan, Weichel, Widdifield, Wilson (Windsor)—70, met this day for organization.

Present:—Messrs. Acres, Belanger, Birkett, Bradburn, Carr, Costello, Currie, Ecclestone, Edwards, Finlayson, Fletcher, Flett, Godfrey, Graves, Haney, Harcourt, Hill, Honeywell, Ireland, Kemp, Kidd, Legault, Lethbridge, Lyons, Macaulay, Medd, Mewhinney, Miller (Elgin), Mitchell, Moore, Morel, Monteith, Murphy, McQuibban, Nesbitt, Newman, Nixon, Reid, Robb, Robertson (Huron), Sandy, Sinclair, Smyth, (Dundas) Stedman, Taylor, Thompson (St. David), Thompson (Lanark), Vaughan, Weichel, Widdifield, Wilson (Windsor).

Moved by Mr. Bradburn, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt,

That the Honourable Mr. Thompson be appointed Chairman of the Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Mewhinney,

That this Committee recommends to the House that the Public Accounts of 1925-1926 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee of 1928 with full authority to investigate any item therein at said Session of 1928 as fully as if said item appeared in the Public Accounts of 1926-1927.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Finlayson, seconded by Mr. Bradburn,

That the Public Accounts Committee are now prepared to consider and hear evidence on any matter in the Public Accounts of 1926 and to devote as much time as is necessary for the full hearing and consideration of all such matters, and as to any matters which the Leader of the Opposition or any other member of the Committee wish to postpone to 1928, the Committee leave such matters or items to be determined by the Committee of 1928.

The amendment was carried on the following division—yeas, 30; nays, 12.

The Committee then adjourned *sine die*.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Toronto, March 30th, 1927.

The Committee met for organization in No. 2 Committee Room this date. Hon. J. E. Thompson was elected Chairman, upon motion of Mr. Bradburn and Mr. Nesbitt.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, gentleman, everybody looks fairly good-natured this morning, and I expect we are going to have a nice, quiet session. I don't think anything that has been spoken of in the House, whether this Committee should be called early or not, will have anything to do with the proceedings of this Committee. We will get right down to business. Anybody wishing to move any resolutions for any information need not worry about the shortness of time because we are all hoping to get through early; as far as I am concerned you can just have all the time you like, and if it is necessary to adjourn the House for a week it will be done, so that any member may get all the information and make all the enquiries he wishes. I think that is all that is necessary to say, and we are ready for any resolution any gentleman might suggest.

MR. SINCLAIR: Mr. Chairman, before presenting the motion I have here, allow me to congratulate you on the preferment which has been extended to you by the members of this Committee. It is true that you have had honours before at the hands of your fellow members, having presided with dignity over the proceedings of the Legislature. Your experience there, I am satisfied, will enable you to carry on the business of this Committee with dignity and honour to this great Committee. Although there are at times troublous scenes in Public Accounts Committee, I do think the experience you have gained in the Legislature will be of great assistance to you, Sir. Let me also say, following the remarks I think I made at the last session of the Legislature, there is an unwritten rule that the man who becomes Chairman of Public Accounts Committee is in line for the next vacancy in the Cabinet. I said that last year and it came true.

THE CHAIRMAN: You aren't promising me anything, are you?

MR. SINCLAIR: I am afraid if I were called upon to form a Cabinet there would be several prior claimants. But I made the remark last year, and Hon. Mr. Finlayson, then in the chair, is now in the Cabinet. Now, Sir, I have a motion which I will present to the Committee for its consideration at the outset. Moved by myself, seconded by Mr. Mewhinney:

"That notwithstanding the rules of this Committee and of the Legislature, and in view of the fact that the Public Accounts Committee is meeting to-day for the first time at this session of the Legislature, and that it is now well understood that the House will conclude its work this week, all business being practically completed, the Public Accounts of 1925-1926 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee of 1928, with full authority to investigate any item therein at said session of 1928 as fully as if said item appeared in the Public Accounts of 1926-1927."

Now, Sir, in support of the motion which I have now made, let me say that to-day is the forty-first day of the present session. We have been here to carry on the work of the House since the second day of February. The Public Accounts for the year ending October 31st, 1926, were presented to the House on the 22nd day of February, and the Journals of that day contain the following: "Ordered, that the Public Accounts of the Province be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts." So that we had the authority on the 22nd day of February for the reference of the Public Accounts to this Committee. That is a resolution which appears from year to year, and the custom is shortly after that resolution to have the Committee convened so that any enquiry which is sought to be made can be commenced. I gave notice in the House that I would move on the 4th day of March—or the third, I think—that the Committee be called for business on the 4th day of March. The Budget debate closed on the 8th day of March. The usual practice for many years in this House was that the Public Accounts should not sit until the close of the Budget debate, but that rule has often been set aside and the Committee has met while the Budget debate was still being carried on. Now for the information of the Committee, let me say in going back from 1920 to the present time what has been the practice of the House in relation to the Budget debate, and in relation to meetings of the Public Accounts Committee. In the year 1920, the Budget debate closed on the 3rd day of May, but the Public Accounts Committee met on the 30th day of March for its first meeting. In the year 1921, the Budget debate closed on the 10th day of March, but the Public Accounts Committee met for its first meeting on February 24th. In the year 1922, the Budget debate closed on May 3rd, but the Public Accounts Committee had its first meeting on April 5th. In the year 1923, the Budget debate closed on April 11th, but the Public Accounts Committee had its first meeting in that year on the 14th day of March. In each of these years the Public Accounts Committee sat on the usual days, Wednesday and Friday, and I think possibly on some other occasions, the Committee being active in each of these years from the date of its first meeting, so that by the time the Budget debate had closed very much evidence had been taken by the Public Accounts Committee. Then in the year 1924 the Budget debate closed on the 5th day of March, and the Committee met on the 7th day of March, almost immediately following the close of the Budget debate. In the year 1925, the Budget debate closed on the 24th day of March, and the Committee met on the 27th day of March. In 1926, the Budget debate closed on March 25th, but the Committee met for its first meeting on March 12th. Last year I made the motion calling for the Committee while the Budget debate was still proceeding, and last year, as you remember, the Government was quite anxious also that the Committee should commence taking evidence. Then this year the close of the Budget debate took place several days ago; I don't have the exact date here, but I think the 8th of March. Thus the Budget debate closed on the 8th day of March and prior to that I had given notice of my motion calling the Public Accounts Committee for the 4th day of March. Now in reference to the notice of motion, let me say I think it is agreed by all that no such notice of motion is necessary, and last year and this year are the only two years since 1920 in which there was any motion to the House that the Public Accounts Committee be called. In each of the years prior to 1926 the Public Accounts Committee met automatically, on the call of the Premier, the Leader of the House. Now in 1927 a different situation seems to have arisen. The Government must have been aware that I was anxious that the Committee should meet, because I placed my notice of motion upon

the order paper. The days go by, and this order was never called, and was not called until yesterday, as you will remember, when I brought the matter up before the Orders of the Day. I do not think it can be seriously argued that anyone in the House has a right to call this motion other than the Leader of the House. If our business is to be carried on properly, it must be in charge of the Premier, who is leading the House, and therefore I submit to you, Sir, and to this Committee, that the notice of motion standing in my name should have been called; that the motion should have been discussed, and that the Committee should have been called, if not while the Budget debate was in progress, at least immediately following the close of the debate. One reason particularly why I brought this up in the House yesterday was a press report, which appeared in one of the evening papers, indicating that there had been some arrangement between the Premier and myself by which the Committee would not be called and I would be entitled to ask all the questions and discuss anything I liked in the House. Of course that matter was spoken to yesterday by the Premier and myself, showing conclusively there is no such arrangement. Such an arrangement would be foolish, because I could not keep it myself. If I agreed not to ask questions or create a disturbance in the House, I think I would be breaking it very soon, because I find it difficult to sit there very many days of the session without making some enquiry or some criticism of the Government. Let me say there was no saw-off of any kind between the Premier and myself. Then the matter came on for discussion yesterday, and the Premier says, "We will sit here just as long as there is anything to investigate." Well, now, that is all very well for the Premier to make such a statement as that, but days have gone by when we could have been discussing many of the matters which could very well have been brought before this Committee. The session has not been a long one. The members have not been overly worked, and there was ample time for this Committee to meet, and now the Premier endeavors to throw the onus on me, and says, "We will sit here and carry on an investigation in the Public Accounts Committee." Well, now, we are not going to sit here and carry on any such investigation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Don't you like our company?

MR. SINCLAIR: Because we have discharged our duty as members of the Legislature, the opportunity has gone by to have these investigations, and I know, speaking for myself, and I imagine very many other members have made arrangements to resume their own business again and get back into the work which is waiting for them. I know, personally speaking, it is practically impossible for me to stay here beyond this date, with the assizes going on at Whitby and other work piling up in my office. It is all very well to say we will sit here, so that we can show the public we are investigating the affairs of the country, while at the same time we have been here and have had ample time to make the investigation and have not done so. The usual Committee days are Wednesdays and Fridays. We could have had nine sessions of this Committee by the first day of April—Friday of this week—and to-day we are called together for the first time, and are called together because the question came up in the way in which it did yesterday on the floor of the House. The Premier knows we will function as a committee with great difficulty at the present time. He knows there is no opportunity to get witnesses here for a day or two, at any rate. He knows there is no opportunity to investigate documents such as one should be investigating if they are going to conduct a proper enquiry before a Public

Accounts Committee, and no lawyer conducting such an enquiry desires to go into it without having the opportunity to first investigate the documents which will be necessarily the basis of the enquiry. And now the Committee is called to-day, and the Premier blames me because we meet to-day for the first time. I do feel that no blame whatever can be attached to me. I gave notice on the Order Paper, Sir, as I have already said. The Order Paper is in the hands of the Premier, as well as of other honourable members of the House. Everyone knew there was the demand for the calling of the Public Accounts Committee, and everyone knew that the Committee had not been called. The duty of calling these orders rests entirely, as I have said, with the Premier, who is leading the House. Sir, I desire to protest to-day before this Committee against the failure of the Premier to call this Committee before to-day. We have not had the opportunity this session of investigating many matters which I think would have been interesting and profitable to the Committee; and this will be the feature of the 1927 session of the Ontario Legislature—no meeting of the Public Accounts Committee until the forty-first day of the session. And so, considering the matter, I have placed the motion before this Committee, because there are many matters which I had intended after the Public Accounts came down to bring before the Public Accounts Committee for enquiry. To my mind the solution is the solution which I offer here to-day, that next year the Public Accounts now before us be open to the Committee of next year for investigation. Under the strict rules of the Committee, such a privilege is not allowed, because the Committee is, strictly speaking, limited to the Public Accounts for the year, but if this Committee says that owing to the lateness of the calling of the Public Accounts Committee, that next session the Public Accounts Committee may go into these accounts as well as the accounts of next year, then early next session the Public Accounts Committee may be called, and the work may begin at the very opening part of the session. Let me assure you, Sir, if I am spared to be here in health and strength to occupy my present position and represent my riding in the Legislature, I will be prepared at the very earliest day in the session to go on with this work and carry it on from day to day and from time to time throughout the session, so that we may have the benefit of the enquiry which has been denied to us this session, due to the lateness of calling this Committee. Therefore, Sir, I submit to this Committee the motion I have made, feeling it is in keeping with the wishes of the members of the Committee, who like myself have business engagements they must fill; who like myself must return home to their work, and like myself are anxious that the Public Accounts of this year should have some enquiry at the hands of this Committee.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: Mr. Chairman, the leader of the Opposition, my friend Mr. Sinclair, has spoken for half an hour on this subject. I do not propose to take more than two or three minutes of the time of the Committee. I don't know whether the Committee will remember their Shakespeare and the old passage, "Methinks the lady doth protest too much," but it seems to me my friend Mr. Sinclair has covered up his laxity of the last three or four weeks by a half-hour address to the Committee. All I wish to say to the Committee is this: The Public Accounts are primarily the statement of the Government of the financial transactions of the year. They were brought down by the Treasurer, submitted on the 14th of January. The Treasurer's statement to the Governor shows they were submitted on the 14th of January.

MR. SINCLAIR: To the Cabinet?

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: No, to the Lieutenant-Governor. And the moment he made his Budget speech in the House these accounts were placed in the hands and on the desks of every Member of the Legislature. Now what is the effect of that? With the Government presenting the statement of the year to the House, the onus is cast upon the Opposition or anybody else who wishes to make an attack on it. Here is the statement of the money we have raised; the disposition we have made of money; do you wish to question it? And if you wish to question it, the Public Accounts Committee is the forum before which to do it. And my friend recognized that the day after the debate was closed in the House. He could have made the speech he made yesterday on the 8th of March, and if he had made that speech on the 8th of March he could have had the Committee called on the 9th of March, and we would have been down to business. But everybody knows the procedure is this: The Government present their accounts, submit them to the House, and they they are the property of the Opposition, and if the Opposition want to attack them here is the forum; and if they had asked for the meeting on the 8th of March they could have had a meeting on the 9th—but they asked on the 29th and got it on the 30th.

MR. SINCLAIR: Don't misstate it, Mr. Minister.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: I have the instructions of the Prime Minister to tell the Committee this House has only been in session forty-one days—frequently we sit four or five months; in the days of our predecessors the sessions used to last from March to May or June. It can happen again if there is any occasion. It rests entirely in the hands of the Opposition, in the matter of the Public Accounts. If there is any item in the Public Accounts to be questioned, the onus and burden and responsibility is on the Opposition to question them. The Treasurer has done his duty fully. He presented the Accounts in January, and to the House in February, and if there had been the same speech made on the 8th of March as yesterday they could have called the Committee on the 9th. Members of the Committee who have been members for numbers of previous years know it is entirely in the hands of the Opposition to bring their motions; call for witnesses and documents and papers, and the Government will furnish them, and you can go on and investigate. This is the committee of the Opposition, and the Opposition have complete control of it, and have never been, in the days of the present Government, limited in any respect in the matter. So much for that. Now I have instructions of the Prime Minister to say to-day if the Committee want to proceed they can proceed this morning, this afternoon, to-night and every day and hour this week, if they want to, and all next week. All facilities of the Government are open to you, and you can have any assistance you like in getting all the documents. If on the other hand it is the pleasure of the Committee Mr. Sinclair's motion be passed and he slide this thing over to next year, we have no objection. If you want to postpone it to next session, do that.

THE CHAIRMAN: The resolution simply means take up two years in one—postpone a little excitement. Is it your pleasure that this—

MR. CURRIE: No, let us go according to Parliamentary usage. That is a very nice string to tie to the tail of the Tory kite for a year, and say they are going to be investigated next year. If you have any investigation do it now. That has always been the policy of the Public Accounts Committee, and they are not a postmortem, they deal with the book in front of them. It has to be a resolution of the House, if I mistake not, Mr. Chairman, to postpone action

of this Committee. Anybody who knows the customs of the Committee knows it is very nice to slide out of it, and next summer shout all over the hustings, "We have got them, but we hadn't time to investigate them." There is plenty of time to do this investigating. Let us do it now and get rid of it. That is my advice to the Committee. It is a dirty rag tied to us, if you ask me, and I vote against the resolution.

MR. BELANGER: We have here a Minister of the Crown saying he has no particular objection to the motion, and it was a reasonable one. I have no objection, either, to one member of the Committee stating it is against the ordinary usage of the Committee, but what I do object to, and most strenuously, is to bring into this Committee what has happened for some days past in the House, imputing irregular motives to members of the Opposition and argue that our object in bringing this motion is purely and solely to tie a tail to the Conservative kite and to go boasting around the country that we have something against the Government and are going to make political capital out of it. I protest against that way of arguing, and I think there has been too much of that, both impugning the motives of Opposition members when they are doing their duty, and secondly, imputing other motives. I think that is below the dignity of members of the House, and certainly not compatible with the manner in which the Opposition and every member thereof are trying to discharge their duty to this Province. If the only argument Members have against this resolution is on their part a political one, and a petty political one, which is that they should fear that there should go round the country an impression we are trying to tie something to the Conservatives, I say that argument is not worth the consideration of this Committee nor members of the House, and we have had, I think, a little too much of that kind of thing, saying that we are trying to acquire publicity or political advantage, and all that. I dare say the members of the Opposition in the House are as much taken up with their public duty to the Province as any member on the government side of the House, and I think questions and motions, when they come up for consideration, should be considered on their *prima facie* merits, and not go behind to try to find improper motives on the part of movers and seconders and supporters of these resolutions.

MR. VAUGHAN: Mr. Chairman, much as I admire my friend to the left, it seems to me this Committee has met as a Public Accounts Committee. If I am out of order I hope you will correct me, but I thought the Public Accounts Committee, after we were organized and we were in session, if the Leader of the Opposition or any member of this Committee had some public accounts they desired to have investigated, they would lay them on this table; that would be the procedure, and then go ahead and do our business—not next year, right now. If there is anything wrong in this Government or anything that wants to be investigated, let us table it now here. I think the Leader of the Opposition was out of order in placing the resolution before you at the outset; that he should instead have placed a resolution saying he wanted such and such things investigated, after he placed a resolution in the House asking that this Committee meet. I feel we are not making progress, but endeavoring to get a little publicity for somebody, rather than facilitate the business of this Committee, and if there is no resolution for any investigation I move that this Committee adjourn.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: I think Colonel Currie is technically perfectly correct. The business of the Committee is to investigate these accounts, and if you look over the records of the Committee for a good many years you will

find rulings—I remember one the year Mr. Watson was chairman—that it was impossible to go behind the Accounts submitted; and in that way the point raised by Colonel Currie and Mr. Vaughan is perfectly correct. There is this further point, that probably we have no power to pass the resolution submitted and bind the Committee of next year in any way at all. They may sit down next year and say, “No, we won’t do that.” I suggested that to Mr. Sinclair, and the point occurred to the Chairman. I don’t think that resolution is within our power. The farthest we could go, perhaps, would be a recommendation from this Committee to the House, that this Committee sitting next year might have authority to take the accounts of this year. Then it would be for the House to take action on that if they wished to do so. But speaking for the Government, I want to make this perfectly clear: that the Government do not want to be technical. The Government do not want to hide behind any technical rule. The Government want to say, the House has been in session only forty-one days; there are the Accounts, there is no reason it should not sit sixty days or dispose of this by sitting this afternoon or night and to-morrow and Saturday, if necessary, to wind up this week, and no reason we should not devote next week to it, and bring witnesses from the uttermost parts of Ontario, if necessary, at this session. However, speaking for the Government, I do not want to press—if the Committee think we should make a recommendation of that kind to the House, I think it is within the jurisdiction to do that. I do not think we have any power to bind either the House or the Committee of next year. The point Colonel Currie raises is perfectly logical and well-founded, but if Mr. Sinclair wishes to put it in the form of a recommendation to the House, I won’t raise any objection, because the Government are not going to take the position we are hiding behind any technicality.

MR. HONEYWELL: Referring to the statement made by the member for Russell, and the statement made by Mr. Currie, Mr. Belanger has repudiated the idea this is going to be used for propaganda. I understand the press is represented here to-day. Might I ask the member for Russell what report will go out in the press as a result of this meeting. The headline will be the Leader of the Opposition has stated before the Committee he had certain things to bring up as a result of this statement by the Government, showing, to say the least, improper handling of the funds of this Province.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: There would be no suggestion of that.

MR. HONEYWELL: And the suggestion has been blocked by the Prime Minister not calling this Committee sooner. We all know, as the Minister has stated, that this is a Committee of the Opposition, to give them an opportunity of bringing before this Committee certain questions they are entitled to lay. They are the plaintiffs; it is for them to lay their case and bring it on. It is true the notice of motion was made by the Leader of the Opposition, but I understand he has never up to yesterday asked for a return to that motion. If this Committee authorizes this adjournment, it is clear there is something threatening the Government for a whole year, and the aspersion has been raised by the Leader of the Opposition and will go out in the press. The member for Russell cannot say it will not be used for propaganda.

MR. SINCLAIR: I would like to ask the member what the press will say if I say I cannot go on and the Government says, “You must go on,” although this is the forty-first day of the session.

MR. HONEYWELL: We are not afraid of what the press will say, in view of the fact the Leader of the Opposition never asked for a return of the motion.

MR. SINCLAIR: It stands on the Proceedings of the House, and is there to-day, although it was moved yesterday.

MR. PINARD: I believe the argument that the Leader of the Opposition did not ask for his motion to be brought before the House is no argument whatever. I remember when I had a motion standing on the order paper, and it was called at two o'clock in the morning of the last night. It was not popular with the Government at that time; it was about 2 per cent. beer being changed to six.

MR. MEWHINNEY: It has been said by the honourable Minister representing the Government, and also some other members, that this is a Committee of the Opposition. Now, in looking around this Committee as it stands, I think possibly it is a Committee of the Government as well. I want to be fair. I have been on the Public Accounts Committee and other Committees in the House, and I believe, as far as I am able to see or hear at the present time there is a tendency to inject some political feeling into this Committee, which I think is absolutely unfair. Although the most of the Committees have a majority of Government supporters, yet in every case matters that came before it, whether private bills, game and fish, or anything else, matters were discussed openly and properly, without any partisan feeling at all, and I am sorry at this particular time that this has been injected. Now, the honourable Minister has said that the onus was on the leader, Mr. Sinclair, on account of his laxity in the House. I think that is an unfair statement to bring before this Committee, or even the press some members seem to be afraid of. I don't think any member of this Committee or member of the Legislature can charge Mr. Sinclair in being lax in his duty as Leader of the Opposition or as representative of his constituency in the House. Mr. Finlayson has also said, "No hurry; we can bring this up to-day, to-morrow, or next week or month, we are very willing to stay." Let me call attention to the attendance in the House last night. Members believe the work is practically done, and you can notice they are not paying possibly as strict attention to the work as two or three or four weeks ago. I know myself I am beginning to feel the call of the wild. I feel that it is time I was migrating northward, too. We are not situated like my learned friend, Colonel Currie, and some other gentlemen. Possibly it does not make so much difference to them whether they stay in Toronto another month or so. I want to confess I like the surroundings, but my occupation calls for me at this particular time of year, to go home and look after it, and I do not think it is fair to stay here, we can sit here another week or month and go on with this. I think with Mr. Sinclair his intentions were honest and fair, and he has asked for nothing that should not be granted. I was surprised at my good friend Colonel Currie's suggestion that it was the intention of Mr. Sinclair to tie a dirty rag or red kite to the tail of the Tory Party for a whole year. Now you know we in the House, as Opposition members, as Liberal members, have tried to help the great Tory Party, and I have no hesitation in saying I think they would be in worse light in the eyes of the public at the present time if we had not assisted them in the way we did; and even the press, they may be here for the purpose of getting a story, putting out literature that is not to the liking of some members, but I want to say for them, I think they have been mighty fair in sending out press reports of the Committees and of the House. I believe again that while it is claimed that this motion is out of order and the Committee cannot consider this matter next year, I believe the Committee could consider it, and if the

motion were let go or passed here in this Committee it would be up to the Government and Prime Minister, and personally I feel that the Prime Minister would allow this investigation, and for that reason I would like to see the motion carried.

MR. CURRIE: I have no desire to impose on the Committee, but I don't know whether gentlemen here know what I know, that down town, in the hotels all kinds of talk is going on, that at least two ministers of this Government are in their hand and they can do anything they want to them at any time. Now is the time to say so or quit. This idea of hanging it over the heads of everybody here and every place you go you will be challenged with it, "wait till Sinclair gets at you next session," is an unfair proposition. I never heard such an unfair proposition put up at a Public Accounts Committee in my life, and I have been at many. If Mr. Sinclair or anybody has anything, for God's sake bring it down and call for the papers and witnesses this morning and get it done. If not, say they haven't got anything. I quite concede Mr. Finlayson's point, because he doesn't want the idea to go forth that the Government doesn't challenge investigation, but whether the Government wants investigation or not I claim we have to deal the same way, according to the old usages of this Committee, with every case that comes up. This is an unheard of idea, postponing it and throwing the door wide open. Next thing you know they will be wanting to investigate things that happened twenty years ago. The rule of the Committee is that it is this year's Public Accounts to be read and discussed here this session. They had lots of time to get their investigators out and they haven't found anything. Now he is trying to crawlfish, that is the whole story in a nutshell, and I propose to vote against the motion, I don't care what amendment there is. Let us have the vote and go on. If there is any fire where they claim there is smoke the thing could have been gone with months ago. If I were leading the Opposition I would have set a bonfire long ago if half what they claim is true.

MR. SINCLAIR: What is it you get around the hotels?

MR. CURRIE: The rumours you are going to trim two or three Ministers in the Public Accounts Committee. Now go on with the evidence.

MR. SINCLAIR: We are speaking here as members of a Committee, and our speeches will be read after the session is over. I am satisfied to have the public read Colonel Currie's speech and to read mine. I am not going to enter into a controversy or personal remarks, but I do believe the motion I have made is in the best interests of all concerned, and at the suggestion of the Honourable Minister of Lands and Forests I am quite prepared to turn this into a recommendation to the House, to meet the objection honourable members have made here that the Committee has no power to bind the Committee of a subsequent year. So that I have inserted in the motion and if you wish me to read it again I will read the whole motion:

"That notwithstanding the rules of this Committee and the Legislature, and in view of that fact that the Public Accounts Committee is meeting to-day for the first time at this Session of the Legislature, and that it is now well understood that the House will conclude its work this week, all business being practically completed, this Committee recommends to the House that the Public Accounts of 1925-26 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee of 1928 with full authority to investigate any item therein at said Session of 1928 as fully as if said item appeared in the Public Accounts for 1926-27."

Now, Mr. Chairman, that is simply a recommendation from this Committee to the House that at next Session of this Legislature, when the Public Accounts Committee meets, the Public Accounts Committee may enquire into any item in the accounts of 1925 and 1926 if they wish to do so. I do submit, and I do not wish to repeat what I say, but if Colonel Currie were a lawyer he would know how impossible it is at this time to get the Committee functioning; how impossible it is to get your evidence in shape, to get your witnesses here and investigate your documents, and on top of it all absolutely impossible for one who for some weeks back has been making preparations for my own business at the first of April. It has been understood for three or four weeks that this House would get through about the first of April, subject to the length of time which it might take in the House to discuss the Government Control legislation, and that passed away without too long a time being spent, and then it was quite apparent to anyone that the whole work of the session was over. And so, Sir, I do feel that this Committee is doing itself no harm, the Tory Party is not going to suffer anything by a motion such as this; it won't suffer half as much as if they reject this motion in Committee and bar this thing up for all time to come because the thing has not been called until the end of the session.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: I want to make one thing perfectly clear. The Government are not going to be put in a position of letting anyone say or suggest that this Committee has not been called deliberately, nor are we going to allow a report to go out that an attempt has been made, even if the Leader of the Opposition has been negligent, to take advantage of it and shirk responsibility. The accounts have been down since January, and in the hands of the House nearly two months. The duty and onus and responsibility of attacking the Government is on the Opposition. This is primarily and essentially an Opposition Committee. In the Imperial House—Colonel Currie will bear me out—the procedure of the Public Accounts Committee is all in the hands of the Opposition. They even go so far there as to elect the chairman, because it is an enquiry. Our practice has been the same; we want it to be an enquiry, the body or forum that decides whether the accounts are proper. The Government are not going to be in the position of even appearing to shirk the responsibility. There are one or two things I will suggest to my friend, which if he will put it in this form I will agree to it. Strike out all this preamble about it being well understood the work is finished. The work of the Legislature is under way and the Legislature is prepared to sit and complete its work, no matter how long it takes. If you will put it this way: "That this Committee recommends to the House that the Public Accounts of 1925-6 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee of 1928, with full authority to investigate any item therein as fully as if the item had appeared in the Accounts of 1926-7." I am stating the attitude of the Government to the Committee. If the Committee want to over-ride that, I am not going to quarrel, but if I am giving any lead to Government members of this Committee I want to say this: We are absolutely not going to be put in the position of even appearing to shirk the duty on the Government. There are the Treasurer's Accounts. The Treasurer is here to justify them, and all the facilities of the Government are available to this Committee, to-day or to-morrow or continuously, but we are not going to be in the position of having anybody say we are shirking anything. If my friend will strike out all the preliminaries—

MR. SINCLAIR: Cannot somebody move an amendment?

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: No, it is your motion.

MR. SINCLAIR: What are you going to do with what you got?

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: If the members of the Committee will pardon me a minute, I am satisfied these Accounts, as far as the Government are concerned, shall go over to next year, but I am not satisfied there shall be all this preamble which infers negligence on the part of the Government. This is the Opposition's Committee, and if the Opposition say, "We are not ready to go on at this session, unfortunately, whether we are to blame or you are to blame; we want it to go over," and it comes as a request from the Opposition it should go over, the Government will consent—at least I will consent to this Committee that there should be a recommendation to the House, because we have no power to bind next year's Committee.

MR. CURRIE: The report going to the House as a recommendation, if carried by the House will have the full effect of a resolution binding on the House. What is the use of sending a recommendation to the House? Everything sent to the House is a recommendation, and then if the House adopts it it has the full force of law, and they have gained everything they want. You want to be fair to the public and all that sort of thing, but I say we want to go according to the rule, because when they are in office they want to stick to the rule mighty tight. I have been at their committees before, and I know just how you get handled.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: There is this to be said: the rule, when we were in Opposition, was laid down deliberately and strictly by Mr. Watson, sitting as chairman: "You cannot go behind the Accounts." But this Government are not going to take that position. As far as this item is concerned at present, if Mr. Sinclair will strike out this preamble, which suggests delay and is not correct, and say, "As Leader of the Opposition I request an adjournment," I am not going to advise the Committee to vote against it. The request for postponement of the hearing to next year has got to come by the Opposition, and without reflection on the Government.

MR. CURRIE: When next year comes, if Mr. Sinclair stands up in his place and states he thinks the previous year's Accounts should be gone into, there is no reason the House should not give me that permission, but to prejudice every Conservative member in the House with a resolution of that kind is going farther than I have ever seen in the House of Commons or any other place, and I protest. I appreciate Mr. Finlayson's position; he does not want to appear to avoid any investigation, and I don't, either, but if they have anything let them bring it in, and we will see if we cannot settle it, and if not, the House can adjourn a couple of weeks until such time as the Committee gets over with its business, and then come back and receive a report; but to go to work and hang on—if that system of parliamentary government is going to obtain you are going to come up against the next session with a series of resolutions hanging over this party. We had the story here of legals, and nothing in it but two liars. You would think everybody in the whole party got a legal or two—I wish they had. If the Leader of the Opposition is too lazy to get his stuff off, let him take the blame and not us. I move that the Committee adjourn.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think every member understands the situation entirely. It is purely a matter for the Committee. As has been stated, this Committee cannot bind next year's Committee. I believe Mr. Sinclair and the Honourable

Minister of Forests have amended this so as to make it a suggestion to the House that this be allowed. Now it is for the Committee to vote on it, and when I get the amendment I will read it to you and you vote on it as you wish.

MR. GRAVES: What is the difference whether we send this on to the House or vote here? Pretty nearly every member of the House is a member of the Committee. Are we pushing it some other place to relieve ourselves of a duty, or what?

THE CHAIRMAN: This Committee has no power to pass a resolution committing the Committee of next year. The personnel of the Committee next year may be altogether different.

MR. GRAVES: A recommendation to the House is practically the same as carried.

MR. BRADBURN: If next year's Committee refuse to carry this motion and investigate these back Accounts, what position are we in then?

THE CHAIRMAN: If they refuse, I guess they won't do it.

MR. VAUGHAN: I thought I made it perfectly clear at the outset that the resolution was not in order. Some person here says it is in order to report a resolution back to the House. This Legislature appointed this Public Accounts Committee to function, and we are here to function this morning. We have heard nothing but resolutions about what is going to happen a year from to-day. As a member of the Public Accounts Committee, I maintain this is all out of order. If the Leader of the Opposition has got some complaint, he should table it here this morning and we should know it. We have a right as members to have it, or else adjourn.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard what the Minister, Hon. Mr. Finlayson, said, and I have this other motion here, and he is agreeable to it, and I am not going to take the responsibility of ruling it out of order. I will read the amended motion:

"This Committee recommends to the House that the Public Accounts for 1925-6 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee of 1928 with full authority to investigate any item therein at said session of 1928 as fully as if said item appeared in the Public Accounts of 1926-7."

I rule that I am going to accept this motion.

MR. CURRIE: What right have we to investigate the Accounts of last Parliament—1925? You cannot go back.

MR. SINCLAIR: It is impossible for some members to understand things, but the Accounts we are now investigating are the Accounts of 1925-6.

MR. MACAULAY: My suggestion is: the Leader of the Opposition has been sniffing around for two months—

MR. SINCLAIR: Now, Mr. Chairman, the honourable member is a member of the legal profession, and knows when language is parliamentary or not. I have stood a good deal from Colonel Currie; he has a license to talk, but I ask an honourable member of an honourable profession to conduct a debate in a parliamentary manner.

MR. MACAULAY: What I had in mind is this: the honourable Leader of the Opposition has been asking questions and gained information, and has items in his mind, no doubt. He is asking us to investigate these Accounts when we are assembled next year. I for one am willing, if he will tell us what items he has in mind, and wants to hold over, he will be letting in a little light on the situation. But if he has sat by for two months and now is not able to say even what item he wants to investigate, why should we help him out of his hole.

MR. SINCLAIR: I object, Mr. Chairman. Some young men have not yet learned the fine practice of being gentlemanly in a heated argument.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: Before the Chairman puts the motion—

MR. CURRIE: I think we should leave the Committee to judge.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: I only want to say this one thing to the Committee: the Government are in the end responsible for the Public Accounts. They are the one thing they are particularly responsible for, and the Treasurer is particularly responsible for, and I don't want to press the Committee one way or the other. Perhaps something might come out of Mr. Macaulay's suggestion. I see my friend, Mr. Sinclair, has a bunch of resolutions there, apparently covering the different matters he thinks proper for investigation. If he will formally move these and let them stand over to next year, we will at least have notice of something we are going ahead with, and know to a certain extent where we are at. I gather a number of members think it is improper that there should be a number of suggestions left in a very vague way. Recalling what Mr. Belanger said I think he said there wasn't anything of that kind, but if that is true surely Mr. Sinclair can say, "Here are the matters I propose to have investigated; have them ready for the first meeting of next year's Committee." If you will submit those resolutions you have ready there will at least be notice, and no minister or member of the Government will be able to say they are embarrassed for eight or ten months by vague charges.

MR. SINCLAIR: In regard to what the honourable Minister says, while it has some merit it has a great deal of demerit, because if I move resolutions here—and I have seven, and have had for several days, prepared for this Committee whenever it should be called—if I move these resolutions and they went on the order paper here and into the press, all these men's names would be bandied about for the next ten months, and suspicion cast upon them, and I have too high a sense for the reputation of anybody to have their names bandied around this Province for ten months, that something will come up at the next meeting of the Public Accounts affecting them. So I would say I cannot accede to the request of the honourable Minister and my honourable friend, Mr. Macaulay, to give the Committee the resolutions which I have here and have had prepared for several days in my office.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would there be any objection, Mr. Sinclair, to filing with the Treasurer.

MR. SINCLAIR: I won't file them with anybody.

MR. GRAVES: Why not adjourn this Committee, and depend upon the honour and integrity of the Committee next year to go into this thing at the request of the Opposition. We do not want to put the onus on the Opposition Leader or the Government. Through some error—and I blame no one—this

Committee has not met up to this hour. Let us adjourn to-day because there is no evidence, and if the Committee of next year feel there is anything worth while, let us go at it then.

MR. CURRIE: After listening to Mr. Sinclair's statement, that he has seven resolutions to go on with, and is ready to go on with, if we adjourn we cast a stigma on this Committee, there is no doubt in my mind, because I have sat on many committees of this kind, when we had a real investigation, and after listening to him say he has seven resolutions to go on with, the Committee would be justified in calling his bluff and saying, "Go on."

MR. SINCLAIR: Mr. Chairman, the honourable Member is out of order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, let us keep within some reasonable bounds of parliamentary language.

MR. CURRIE: That is parliamentary.

THE CHAIRMAN: Bluff?

MR. CURRIE: Yes, because we have had a ruling on that.

THE CHAIRMAN: If necessary, I would give another ruling, but I won't.

MR. IRELAND: I always think Mr. Sinclair is fair, but don't you think the same stigma applies to your statement in the House yesterday as to your resolutions?

MR. SINCLAIR: Oh, I don't think so.

MR. IRELAND: In regards to Mr. Squire?

MR. SINCLAIR: There is a motion on the order paper regarding him.

MR. IRELAND: That is hardly fair to him, to let it stand over another year. I know my plowing is not ready to go on with, and up in my friend's country the snow is still on the ground. Down our way it is too wet to plow. I don't see any great rush for a while to get back to the farms. Why not clean house as we go along and get this thing cleaned up? Anyway, we have not worked so very hard this session, to earn our increased indemnity. We don't have to get home for any particular reason this week-end. If we want to adjourn for two weeks I don't think the Prime Minister would object to coming back to finish up. Public Accounts are very important to the Government. Every picnic in every riding, they will be telling about what is going to happen in Public Accounts next year.

MR. MEWHINNEY: Absolutely.

MR. IRELAND: You bet they will be, and as a member of this Committee, I am not going to let you get away with it.

MR. SINCLAIR: If this Committee meets a month, how are you going to get your Government Control Bill in force?

MR. IRELAND: We will have the machinery in ready, and all it needs is the stock, and there is no doubt about it going through, and maybe before we get away somebody might have a chance to buy something. But I don't see why there is any rush. Suspicion is worse—having this laid on the doorstep of anybody is worse than actual guilt because that can be cleaned up and

got rid of. If some departments are not being carried on strictly for the good of this Province it should be cleared up at the present time, and not allowed to go on for another year. A great many members of the Opposition, I think, agree with that.

MR. THOMPSON (Lanark): Whether the fault of any person in particular or not, the Public Accounts Committee has not been called together until this late date, and I do not think it would be well that the impression should go abroad that there was anything to hide in these Public Accounts. There is nothing. I am satisfied that the Committee sit here and make all necessary investigation, but if the Committee decide to do otherwise I don't think the impression should go out that the right to investigate was in any way hampered. I don't think it should be so. This Committee and this House are not afraid of any investigation that may be made, and the liberty of making that investigation should not be closed off, whether that investigation comes on at the present sitting or whether postponed to some future date.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: I think the Committee have expressed themselves very properly, and we have got two or three things settled. There seems a consensus of opinion there is an opportunity now, and that the Opposition should be given that opportunity to proceed if they wish. Then there is another view expressed, that it is unfair—in which Mr. Sinclair seems to concur—that it is unfair the names of certain people be mentioned, and that should be left over. Would this answer the purpose—and if the Committee approve I will submit an amendment, that the Committee express its willingness now to proceed with the investigation of any items in the Public Accounts before it;

A MEMBER: Carried.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: —and further, if the Opposition Leader or any other member wishes items to go over to next year, this Committee is willing to take the position of being without prejudice, but allow that item to be presented next year without any ruling or recommendation. By way of amendment I wish to move this:

“That the Public Accounts Committee do now proceed to consider any questions or items that are to be investigated, and devote whatever time is necessary to any items any member wishes to bring before it; but without prejudice to the action of next year's Committee, the Committee are willing that next year's Committee should consider any matters that may be brought before them next year.”

In the first place, I suggest that to Mr. Sinclair as a reasonable way out of his difficulty. If he is satisfied, I will consent to that going through.

MR. CURRIE: Let the Minister divide his resolution, and we will put the first part, and it will carry, and then we will discuss the second part.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: This particular Minister would like to be able to run his own motion. I suggest to Mr. Sinclair that is a reasonable way out, and if he will adopt the resolution I will be glad to second it; otherwise I will submit it by way of amendment to his motion. The Committee are now assembled and prepared to devote whatever time is necessary to any item of the Accounts that may come before it, but if anybody is unable or unwilling at this session to proceed with it, the Committee are willing to leave the matter open for discussion by next year's Committee.

MR. NESBITT: I was going to say that the members and public will know that the Leader of the Opposition has given out to this Committee that he has seven resolutions, and the public for one year will be under the impression the Leader of the Opposition has seven direct, specific charges which he wants to investigate. That is a cloud that will shadow this Government for the next year. No one wants to take advantage of the Leader of the Opposition, and the impression is given by the Honourable Mr. Finlayson that we are in no hurry; why don't we sit and take some day next week, when the Committee meet again, and give the Leader of the Opposition one whole week in which to get his evidence together and subpoena his witnesses, and give him every fair consideration, and let us clean up this year what belongs to this year. That is surely fair.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: That would involve holding the House there, and we have no power to hold the House there, and there is a general disposition to wind up business this week. I think that is being contemplated.

MR. NESBITT: The House does not prorogue this week, does it?

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: I am not saying; I understood that was one of the possibilities. The country members are in a very different position, and anxious to get away.

MR. NESBITT: Quite true, Mr. Minister, but as a follower of this Government, I do not intend to let the public believe for one year there are seven specific charges and not investigated.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: Perhaps you did not follow the resolution. It is that the Committee are now in session and prepared to consider any items brought before them, and prepared to devote as much time as necessary for that purpose, to clean up and dispose of all business, but if any member feels that he wishes to get away and does not want to bring it on this time, we are going to leave it to next year's Committee to decide whether they will hear other items or not.

A MEMBER: Isn't the last part of your resolution rather negative? How are we going to leave it over to another Committee to discharge?

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: Without prejudice; we are not deciding one way or another.

MR. SINCLAIR: I understood from the honourable Minister that if I changed my motion to delete what might be considered slightly objectionable, that would meet the suggestion—a recommendation to the House. Now there is really no recommendation in the amendment. The second part of the resolution is simply stating, as I take it, that next year's Committee can take it up if they wish. Now they cannot do that without a resolution.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: No, you will be in this much better position; you will have laid the foundation, and it will be said this was discussed last year and laid over. Speaking for the Government, we are satisfied with Mr. Sinclair's motion. We don't care whether you investigate it now or ten years from now, but the Committee have rights, and have expressed their views, and I am trying to meet your wishes as far as possible, and make it clear we are willing to go ahead now and sit as long as you wish; but if you do not want to do that we are willing to leave it over to next year's Committee if they think proper to do so.

MR. SINCLAIR: I cannot accept that as the main motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: If Mr. Sinclair does not accept it, I have to put this amendment of Mr. Finlayson's first—the amendment to the motion:—

“That the Public Accounts Committee are now prepared to consider and hear evidence on any matter in the Public Accounts of 1926, and devote such time as may be necessary to consideration of all such matters; and as to any matters which the Leader of the Opposition or any other member of the Committee wish to postpone to the 1928 Committee, the Committee leave such matters or items to the determination of the Committee of 1928.”

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: The Committee will see the embarrassing position I am in; that the Government does not want to appear to be shirking anything, even four or five years, but there has been a pretty unanimous expression by the Committee and I am suggesting Mr. Sinclair adopt this motion. I think it will answer his purpose.

MR. SINCLAIR: I may have to adopt it.

HON. MR. FINLAYSON: No, you don't. “That the Public Accounts Committee do now proceed to consider any questions or items that are to be investigated, and devote whatever time is necessary to any items any member wishes to bring before it; but without prejudice to the action of next year's Committee the Committee are willing that next year's Committee should consider any matters that may be brought before them next year.” It simply has this effect, that we express our willingness to sit to-day, to-morrow or any day until we clean the matter up, and after that the Committee of next year can decide whether they will clean it up. We are not binding our successors in any way.

MR. SINCLAIR: I think the best way is to make it an amendment to my motion.

MR. FINLAYSON: I move in amendment to the motion submitted by Mr. Sinclair the amendment I have just read, seconded by Mr. Bradburn.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard this amendment. Mr. Sinclair has a motion, and Mr. Finlayson moves, seconded by Mr. Bradburn, the amendment you have just heard. All in favour of the amendment, as proposed by Mr. Finlayson, will hold up their hands.

THE SECRETARY announced the vote as 30 to 12.

THE CHAIRMAN: I declare the amendment carried. Any further business, gentlemen?

MR. CURRIE: It is up to Mr. Sinclair to say if he wishes to go on.

MR. SINCLAIR: Mr. Chairman, in view of the vote which the Committee has taken, and in view of what I said, that it was absolutely impossible for me to conduct an examination next week, due to business arrangements which I made weeks ago, I am obliged to rest my case with the Committee and present these matters at the next session of the Legislature, and rely on the generosity

of the next session of the Legislature to call the Public Accounts earlier, and have that Committee deal with the Public Accounts we would deal with at this session if we had been sitting earlier in the session.

MR. BRADBURN: We are not going to limit the honourable member to next week. He can have the week after, or the week after that, if he wanted.

THE CHAIRMAN: If no further business, we will receive a motion to adjourn.

MR. THOMPSON (Lanark): I move the Committee adjourn.

THE CHAIRMAN: Carried.

