

and had taken steps with the view of lessening the number of accidents. Additional inspectors had been appointed to enforce the provisions of the law; publicity was resorted to in the case of accidents, the regulations were modified from time to time to meet changing conditions, while miners themselves were instructed by officials in the use and handling of explosives.

#### Rowell Would Safeguard Miners.

Mr. Rowell said he was glad the investigation made by the Government during the year had confirmed the view he expressed a year ago as to the desirability of the measure. The principle of an eight-hour day for miners had been one of the planks in the Liberal platform of 1911. They welcomed the adoption by the Government of the planks in that platform. It was a very moderate eight-hour bill, and he thought it might be amended by eliminating some of the elements of uncertainty. The powers of the mine inspector were not clearly defined. Underground miners should come to the surface for their meals, and Saturday should not be any longer than the other days. In conclusion the Opposition leader said credit was due to Mr. Roebuck of New Liskeard, who had maternally assisted those interested in securing the legislation.

"It is a very fair proposition," was the verdict of Mr. Allan Studholme (East Hamilton).

#### University Must Wait.

The second reading of the bill to remove the restrictions on College street property formerly owned by the University was deferred.

electric underground service at the Parliament buildings is to be installed at a cost of \$1,200 and a fire alarm equipment for \$3,500. New dormitories for the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Belleville and the Institution for the Blind at Brantford are to cost \$20,000 each. Hydro-electric installation in the Ontario Agricultural College runs into \$3,400.

#### For Bridges and Roads.

In the Public Works Department a sum of \$132,900 is set aside for new bridges and repairs to existing bridges in the unorganized districts, and \$337,432.42 for colonization roads, which make up a total for this branch of \$470,332.42. The grant for colonization roads is somewhat less than that of last year, due more or less to the work being conducted by Mr. J. F. Whitson under the \$5,000,000 appropriation, which will amount to about \$1,000,000 this year. The colonization road work is organized under four headings: North Division, \$150,592.55; West Division, \$35,073.87; East Division, \$100,766; Timiskaming, \$51,902.37.

For charges on Crown lands there is an additional vote of \$15,000; \$4,000 of this is for the purchase of launches for forest reserve work, and \$10,000 for investigation and purchase of lands, nursery work, replanting, labor, purchase of seeds and stock.

Under the charge administration of justice the Attorney-General receives an additional sum of \$16,292.19. Of this amount \$1,200 is for a Police Magistrate at Porcupine and \$4,000 additional for the maintenance of prisoners; \$500 is to maintain a Police Magistrate at Matheson.

The additional amount required by the Department of Education is \$5,967.

Among the miscellaneous items there are a number of gratuities. Dr. Helen MacMurphy gets \$450 for a report on the feeble-minded, and a further amount of \$5,000 is to be voted for enforcing the liquor act.

#### Supplementary Revenue Act.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply on the further supplementary estimates Mr. Rowell pointed out that the apparent debt, with the \$2,500,000 it was proposed to spend on the Hydro-electric, was \$6,000,000. He would like to know where the Acting Provincial Treasurer proposed to get the money.

Hon. Mr. Lucas explained that the estimates for 1913 showed an increased expenditure of \$437,902 as compared with last year. He intimated that a supplementary revenue act would be introduced by the Government shortly. They were always on the lookout for additional sources of revenue, and proposed taxing interests which at present were not contributing their share to the Province.

The House adjourned at midnight after passing the further supplementary estimates, with the exception of the Hydro-electric appropriation and a portion of the colonization road grant.

## PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES NEARLY \$14,000,000

*Exceed Those of the Previous Year by*

**\$1,174,859**

#### HYDRO COMMISSION

**GETS \$2,500,000**

*Bridges and Roads in Unorganized Districts to Cost*

**\$470,332**

Final estimates presented to the to \$13,748,345.88. This is the total, expenditure for the year 1912-13 up to \$13,748,345.88. This is the total excluding the amounts to be spent under statutory provision which are not required to be voted from year to year. The increase over the total estimates for 1911-12 is \$1,174,859.97, which amounted to \$12,573,756.09.

The largest item in the supplementaries is \$2,500,000 for the Hydro-electric Power Commission, which includes \$150,000 for a new office building to be erected in the vicinity of the Parliament buildings, which will contain offices, laboratories and testing equipment to carry on work that now is scattered in several places.

There is another large item of \$95,000, representing a refund of timber dues to the Algoma Central Railway under an agreement dated December 7, 1905.

Further appropriations are to be made to enable the immediate organization of the new judicial district of Timiskaming. The equipment of the registry office at Halleybury is to cost \$3,500. The registry office itself will cost \$8,000. The sum of \$20,000 is to be voted for a new court house for the district of Rainy River, and \$2,000 for a new registry office for the district of Kenora. A Hydro-