

statutory payments of last year would involve an expenditure of \$22,000,000. Allowing for the cash balance of \$2,380,000 carried over from last year and the balance available on the New Ontario loan, which, with the new loan of \$8,000,000 authorized, along with the estimated receipts, would leave a shortage of three or three and one-half million dollars. He assumed the supplementary proposals of the Provincial Treasurer represented the maximum that it was expected could be received from banks, insurance and loan companies and railway corporations.

Multiple Voting Stands.

The thorny question of multiple voting once more came to the top when the Toronto Western Hospital bill was in committee. Mr. A. C. Pratt (South Norfolk), Mr. C. McKeown (Dufferin) and Mr. Allan Studholme (East Hamilton) strenuously opposed clause 33, which related to multiple proxy voting. The first named moved that the clause be struck out, but Mr. Owens (Toronto South, "A"), Hon. Thomas Crawford (Toronto West, "A") and others who supported the principle won the day by a good majority.

The bill was passed through committee.

NIAGARA BOULEVARD EXTRAS UNDER COMMITTEE'S PROBE

ONE CONTRACTOR SAYS HE WAS "TRIMMED," OTHER'S HAIR TURNED GREY.

Extras in connection with the construction of the Niagara River boulevard by the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission was the subject of the investigation before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday morning. Mr. William Proudfoot (Centre Huron) continued his careful examination into the payments on account of this work to contractors.

Mr. William Upper, who built a portion of the road, was inclined to think he had not been fairly dealt with. "You haven't got a look-in except to take what he gives you," he declared, with reference to the work of Mr. John H. Jackson, Park Superintendent and Engineer, "and he will take good care you don't get any more than is coming to you. He gave us a nice trimming on that little piece of work; just leave it to John H." Mr. Upper said he did a lot of hard work and got little out of it.

The extras on this contract amounted to about \$1,000. Mr. Upper was insistent in his declaration that none of the money went for campaign contributions. As a matter of fact, when all costs were considered there was nothing left over.

To Mr. Evan E. Fraser (Welland) Mr. Upper stated that he had not been allowed for extra work which had to be done on the contract through mistakes by the engineers of the Park Commission.

Mr. Charles Lobb, Mr. Upper's partner, did not apparently relish the opportunity of giving evidence before the committee and rather churlishly denied having made any payments on account of election expenses.

"We haven't paid anything yet for election expenses; it will have to be a bigger job than that boulevard."

The investigation then proceeded for some time, and as he left the chair he remarked, "That job is why my hair is changed to grey." (Laughter.)

Chief License Inspector Burrows of Toronto testified that the clubs should be brought under the regulations of the liquor license law with respect to fire escapes. Examined at some length about the Woodbine Hotel fire, he said that he did not consider the fire escape equipment adequate, but it was the same as in most hotels.

LIBERAL MAY LAY CHARGE AGAINST HON. W. J. HANNA

MR. BOWMAN MAY DEMAND INVESTIGATION OF LICENSE INSPECTOR'S ACTION.

The Legislature did not adjourn, as expected, for prorogation last night, and the House will assemble again on Monday next. The two principal items remaining to be disposed of are the report of the Select Committee on Redistribution and a probable revival of the Snider episode by the Opposition.

In regard to the latter incident, it is understood that Mr. C. M. Bowman (North Bruce) will prefer a formal charge, on his responsibility as a member of the House, against Hon. W. J. Hanna for the alleged sending of Provincial License Inspector Snider into the counties of Huron, Peel and Welland during the recent Canada temperance act campaigns. What line Mr. Bowman's charges will take have not been disclosed, but it is expected that he will demand a proper investigation before a select committee of the House or the Committee on Privileges and Elections, which investigated the Proudfoot charges against the Provincial Secretary last year.

ADVERTISE ONTARIO FARMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

MR. DUFF PROPOSES TO MAKE KNOWN ONTARIO'S AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES.

That the agricultural possibilities of Ontario's counties may become known to the world at large, a bill has been introduced by the Hon. Jas. Duff, Minister of Agriculture, to assist counties in getting out publicity literature. The bill allows a payment by the Province of one-third of the cost of the publicity up to \$1,000. Mr. Rowell wanted the bill to go farther when it was considered by committee yesterday. He thought the publicity association should be given power to make a study of agricultural conditions in each county. He thought they might also take up the requirement of the Agricultural High School, which would be nearer to the public than the Ontario Agricultural College.

Hon. Mr. Duff pointed out that several counties had availed themselves of the opportunity of the publicity, and found it in their interests. Mr. Mayberry (South Oxford) was quite favorable to the publicity scheme for counties.