

which last year amounted to more than \$3,500,000. In this way the burden of expense would be greatly eased for the regular taxpayer.

Mr. K. J. Dunstan, President of the Toronto Board of Trade, acted as Chairma, and in a brief speech welcomed the guests, and extended the hospitality of the Board Rooms to them during their stay.

A. J. Young of North Bay, an Honorary President of the Associated Boards, made a stirring plea for support in getting Governmental aid for the development of Northern Ontario. Old Ontario he said, had reached its maximum in the development of its resources, its only field for growth now lying in manufacturing. Development of this, he held, depended greatly upon the increased output of the newer northern sections of the Province. He pointed out that New Ontario looked to the south for all its manufactured goods, as well as most of its food-stuffs, and spent on these things several millions of dollars every year. Therefore it was to the best interests of the citizens of old Ontario to lend their support to any movement that would develop the potentialities of the great and almost untouched Northland.

No Time to be Lost.

There was no time to be lost, he declared, in saving this portion of the Province, for the Province. Owing to the lack of water power development, he said, a great refinery had lately been lost to Ontario and gained by Québec. In 1907 no one dreamed of the extent of the natural resources that had since been opened up by the building of railways through Northern Ontario, he said, but he added, it was the belief of every Northerner that as rich a territory lay to the north of the National Railway as had been found to the south of it.

Hon. Dr. Jamieson, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, commented upon the number of young men who were attending the sessions. They were, he said, meeting to legislate informally on some of the most pressing questions of the hour, and were thereby acting as an inspiration to the whole country to strike out along the lines of progress in trade and commerce.

Dr. H. T. Reason of London, also an Honorary President, paid graceful tribute to the hospitality of the Toronto Board of Trade, and impressed upon the young men present the lesson that Canada's growth in the future depended greatly upon the foundations which they would lay in these years of after-war reconstruction.

PROBE OPENS ON WEDNESDAY

Public Accounts Committee Holds First Meeting for Organization

MR. M'CREA CHAIRMAN

Preparations were made yesterday for the investigation which the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature will make into the accounts for the last six years of the Ontario License Board, following up the charges preferred against Chief Inspector J. A. Ayearst last week by Mr. H. Hartley Dewart. The first meeting of the committee was held yesterday for organization purposes, when Mr. Charles McCrea of Sudbury was elected Chairman.

Three motions were made for the producing of documents and, for the appearance of officials before the Commission. Lieut.-Col. H. A. C. Machin of Kenora, who attacked the Government for the methods pursued in enforcing the O. T. A. in the House a couple of weeks ago, presented the first motion. He asked for the appearance of all the members of the License Board—Chairman J. D. Flavelle, Vice-Chairman W. S. Dingman, and Commissioner Smith—Chief Inspector J. A. Ayearst, Eude Saunders, the solicitor to the board, and Mr. Mowat, an official of the License Department; also directing them to produce all papers, documents, etc., in connection with the enforcement of the law during the past year.

The second motion was made by another Government supporter, Mr. H. Eilber of South Huron. He asked for the production of the accounts covering the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act. Hartley Dewart, K.C., presented the third motion, asking for the production of all accounts of the License Board from 1913-14 down to the present time.

The first evidence will be heard next Wednesday morning, and each subsequent morning until the investigation is completed. The appointment of Mr. McCrea as Chairman had the support of both Conservatives and Liberals. The nomination was moved by Hon. T. W. McGarry and seconded by Mr. Sam Carter of South Wellington.