

TREASURER EXPECTS COOL MILLION EXTRA FROM MOTOR OWNERS

Ontario's Heaviest Item of Expenditure, \$2,730,695, for Education — New Court Houses and Hospitals to Be Built—Second Chippawa Canal Anticipated

**\$12,687,000 TOTAL
HYDRO IS SEEKING**

Despite the fact that no new taxation is contemplated, Hon. Peter Smith estimates that the receipts of the Provincial Treasury for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1923, will be \$39,372,029.08, or an increase of \$864,717.99 over the receipts of the year ending October 31, 1922.

Hope for Future.

The details of this estimate, as placed before the Legislature by the Treasurer during his Budget speech yesterday, indicate, among other things, that the Motor Vehicles Branch anticipates an increase of nearly a million dollars in the revenue from licenses on motor vehicles during the current year. The last fiscal year's revenue from this source was \$3,477,430; the estimate for this year is \$4,400,000.

Over against the total of his estimated receipts the Treasurer has thus far brought down estimates for an expenditure of \$32,272,948.41. This figure includes main estimates of \$25,598,208.82 voted at last year's session of the House, and supplementary estimates of \$6,674,739.59 tabled yesterday.

The above figures do not include capital expenditure for the current fiscal year, which totals \$67,750,004.88—\$52,280,209.91 of which was contained in the main estimates voted last session and \$15,469,794.97 of which was announced in the supplementary estimates tabled yesterday. The latter item is made up entirely of proposed grants to the Hydro-electric Power Commission and the T. & N.O. Railway Commission.

Supplementary Estimates.

The supplementary estimates placed before the House yesterday contain much of interest, in that they indicate the Government's plans for the erection of new public buildings, provision for aid to the universities and additions to the plants of various public institutions scattered through the Province.

One of the largest items calls for the expenditure of \$2,730,695 on education. This amount includes grants of \$400,000 to Western University for buildings and an additional \$200,000; a grant to Queen's University of \$210,000, with a supplementary grant of \$75,000 for the library; a special grant of \$880,000 to the University of Toronto and a further amount of \$100,000 for the College of Education buildings, and a grant of \$25,000 to the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

Under "Civil and Criminal Justice" \$10,000 has been set aside for the advertising of tourist attractions in Ontario by the Ontario License Board.

New Construction.

Maintenance of public institutional buildings calls for the spending of \$211,972. New construction on the hospitals at Orillia, Whitby and Woodstock has been covered by

grants of \$125,000, \$100,000 and \$120,000, respectively. The main building of the Ontario School for the Deaf at Belleville is to be reconstructed at a cost of \$65,000, while the building of the Eastern Dairy School at Kingston, destroyed by fire, will be replaced at a cost of \$38,000.

Under the head of "Capital Expenditure by the Hydro-electric Power Commission," the supplementary estimates carry items totalling \$9,850,000 for expansion of the Niagara system. This amount includes several large amounts for completion of additional units at the Queenston power-house; \$1,000,000 for the construction of a new transmission line between Niagara Falls and St. Thomas, and \$50,000 for "Queenston No. 2 Development."

In view of talk of a second Chippawa Canal the explanation of this item is interesting. "It is essential on account of load increment that investigations on a second development be proceeded with at once. This amount should be provided this year."

The total asked for by the Hydro-electric Commission is \$12,687,000.

Of a total of \$2,782,794 set aside for the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, \$1,750,000 has been earmarked for extension of the main line north from Cochrane.

Following is the summary of estimated receipts for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1923:

Subsidy	\$2,765,729.08	
Interest on common school funds held by the Dominion	\$ 75,000.00	
Interest on Investments	850,000.00	
		925,000.00
Lands and Forests Dept.	3,500,000.00	
Mines Department	550,000.00	
Public Institutions	1,000,000.00	
Education Department	600,000.00	
Provincial Secretary's Dept..	500,000.00	
Motor Vehicles Licenses	4,400,000.00	
Agriculture	300,000.00	
Casual Revenue	700,000.00	
Insurance Department	130,000.00	
The Amusements Tax Act ...	1,600,000.00	
Succession Duties	5,000,000.00	
Corporation Tax Act	5,650,000.00	
The Ontario Temperance Act.	1,500,000.00	
Law Stamps	350,000.00	
Game and Fisheries	650,000.00	
Labor	124,300.00	
Mother's Allowance Revenue.	700,000.00	
Land Transfer Tax	525,000.00	
Miscellaneous Items	300,000.00	
Hydro-electric Power Commission, Interest, etc.	7,002,000.00	
T. & N. O. Ry. from earnings	600,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts..	\$39,372,029.08	

Raney Introduces Bill

To Unite Registry Offices

Following the tabling of the report of the Registry Committee in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, Attorney-General Raney introduced and secured first reading for his bill to amalgamate the registry offices of the city of Toronto and the county of York. The measure provides for the closing of the present county office in the city, the retention of an office for North York at Newmarket, payment by the city of all expenses of the union over a period of three years, the county then to assume 14 per cent. of the cost.