

THIRTEEN MILLIONS IS TOTAL OBTAINED FROM NEW TAXATION

Provincial Treasurer Submits Much Data to Answer Questions

WEALTH OF DETAIL GIVEN

Increases in Provincial revenues resulting from new or increased sources of taxation sanctioned by the Drury Government since January 1, 1920, amount to a grand total of \$13,364,666.64, according to voluminous details on the subject, tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Provincial Treasurer Smith, in answer to questions by W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C., Liberal member for South Ontario.

Mr. Sinclair asks three questions of the Treasury: first, what new or increased sources of Provincial revenue have been resorted to by the Government since January 1, 1920; second, what increases of Provincial revenue were secured in each of the years; and, third, what is the total amount of increased Provincial revenue secured since January 1, 1920, by reason of such new or increased sources of revenue due to new or increased taxation resorted to by the Government?

New Revenue Aggregate.

In reply to number one, Hon. Mr. Smith details the new and increased taxation enactments of the Drury Government: increase in bank tax, life insurance companies, race-tracks, stock transfers, amusement tax, sleeping and parlor car tax, land transfer tax, imposts on billiard rooms, bowling alleys, liquor export companies, etc.

Then he details the increased revenue for the three years, 1920, 1921 and 1922, under several headings: The increased revenue from such new and increased forms of taxation for the one year, 1920, is given as follows: Banks, \$383,757; insurance companies, \$149,800; race-tracks, daily tax, \$630,000; 5 per cent. tax, \$2,212,220; Pullman car, \$5,813; stock transfers, \$25,556; land transfers, \$521,115; billiard-rooms, \$69,906; export liquor, \$7,500.

Besides all these items of increases there is that of succession duties, which were increased, and the estimated increase in 1922 revenues by reason of the Drury Government's policy, is given as \$2,160,981.

Gives Voluminous Data.

Then, subdividing the various departments, the Treasurer goes on to deal with increased revenues derived from departmental imposts: Department of Mines, \$34,892 increase in 1922; Department of Lands and Forests, which increased Crown timber dues and prices of summer resort lands, for a total increased revenue since 1920 of \$1,185,314, of which timber dues comprise practically the whole portion; in the Department of Highways, through increases in garage licenses and registration fees, the 1922 increase was \$18,687; Departments of Game and Fisheries, Secretary and Registrar, and Department of Insurance, also contribute small amounts through increases in various fees.

And, according to the concluding paragraph in the Treasurer's lengthy presentation, "the total amount of increased Provincial revenue secured since January 1, 1920, by reason of such new or increased sources of revenue due to new or increased taxation resorted to by the Government (all departments), \$13,364,666.64."

HE FINDS AN ORDER CLOSING POOLROOMS

Attorney - General Makes Answer to John A. Currie's Query

Although Attorney-General told John A. Currie, S.E. Toronto, in the Legislature yesterday that he recollected no Order-in-Council of the Provincial Cabinet ordering Sunday closing of poolrooms and the springing of all traps for animals over the Sabbath Day, he later on despatched a note to Mr. Currie saying: "I find there is an Order-in-Council fixing the hours of closing of poolrooms. I suppose it was on the recommendation of the Treasurer."

Mr. Currie brought the matter up before the orders of the day, asking the Attorney-General if he had noticed news items in the Press to the effect that all trappers must close up all the traps over Sunday, and that clubs were to be closed Saturday night and all day Sunday. Mr. Currie ridiculed the idea of compelling trappers to go out over their whole trap line Saturday night, so that no animals might be caught on the Sabbath, and put in a plea for the clubs, whose very existence, he said, was threatened by Sunday-closing.

Hon. Mr. Raney—at that time not recollecting the order—said that Mr. Currie's mention of the matter was the first he had heard of it, and that there had been no Order-in-Council.

No reference is made to clubs in the Government Order-in-Council compelling Sunday closing of billiard rooms and bowling alleys, according to announcement made by Attorney-General Raney in the Legislature last night concerning the matter, brought up earlier in the day by J. A. Currie, Southeast Toronto.

The other matter—that of the springing of traps over the Sabbath Day—Hon. Harry Mills promised to deal with fully before the orders of the day Wednesday.