

Tuesday, March 27th

1929 ESTIMATES CUT \$6,000,000 TO \$38,639,000

Total Vote for Hydro Only
\$8,252,000—Was \$15,-
000,000 for 1928

\$2,100,000 FOR SCHOOLS

Main estimates for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1929, and amounting to \$38,639,318, were tabled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon. This amount is approximately \$6,000,000 less than the estimate for the fiscal year, ending Oct. 31, 1928, as tabled during last year's session of the House.

By Departments.

By departments the "1929" estimates are as follows:

Lieutenant-Governor's Office, \$6,050; Prime Minister's Department, \$8,335,600; Legislation, \$384,575; Attorney-General's Department, \$2,061,415; Insurance Department, \$49,625; Education Department, \$7,900,189; Lands and Forests Department, \$2,547,450; Northern Development Department, \$499,725; Mines Department, \$360,600; Game and Fisheries Department, \$527,825; Public Works Department, \$1,262,165; Highways Department, \$562,339; Health Department, \$686,450; Labor Department, \$2,675,705; Provincial Treasurer's Department, \$619,950; Provincial Auditor's Office, \$98,725; Provincial Secretary's Department, \$6,829,540; Agriculture Department, \$2,608,390; Miscellaneous, \$623,000.

Chief reason for the falling off in this session's vote can be found in the Hydro estimates. These, as voted a year ago, were more than \$15,000,000. The total vote for 1929 is but \$8,252,000. Of this last amount, the Niagara system is represented by \$5,750,000, \$1,000,000 of which goes to the Niagara Falls-St. Thomas line, and \$750,000 for rural extension. For the Georgian Bay system the estimate is \$635,000; Ottawa-St. Lawrence system, \$375,000; Thunder Bay, \$325,000; Central Ontario, \$620,000; Nipissing, \$437,000; Algoma, \$10,000.

Education Estimates.

Education Department estimates contain a vote of \$2,100,000 for grants to rural, public, and separate schools; \$100,000 for consolidated schools; \$55,000 for summer schools.

One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred dollars is voted for English-French training schools, as compared with \$143,600 of a year ago. The University of Toronto grant is set at \$166,900, and Western University, \$300,000.

Estimates for the Department of Highways show a slight increase. For 1929 they are \$575,614, whereas for 1928 they were set at \$562,339.

Less for Health.

Department of Health shows a falling off in requirement, the sum for 1929 being \$686,450, as against \$753,600 for last year. Department of Labor shows a slight increase with a vote of \$2,675,705 being asked. Provincial Treasurer's Department is down below its 1928 mark. Six hundred and nineteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars will be voted this session, where \$663,450 was voted a year ago.

Total vote of the Provincial Secretary's Department is \$6,829,540 for 1929, as compared with \$7,068,191 for 1928. The Agriculture Department vote is placed at \$2,620,490—practically the same figure as brought down a year ago.

INFORMATION GIVEN ON SALES OF LIQUOR

Attorney-General Tables Returns by Months Under Liquor Control Act

Further interesting information regarding the sale of liquor, beer and wine under the Liquor Control Act, has been supplied the Legislature by Attorney-General Price. In reply to questions of J. W. Widdifield, Progressive member for North Ontario, Col. Price has tabled returns by months, on the sales of intoxicants since the new law began to function. They are as follows:

SPIRITS.

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| June, 1927..... | \$2,456,469.13 |
| July, 1927..... | 3,309,240.16 |
| August, 1927..... | 4,116,491.79 |
| September, 1927..... | 3,907,107.22 |
| October, 1927..... | 3,744,351.11 |
| November, 1927..... | 3,152,737.48 |
| December, 1927..... | 5,457,761.58 |
| January, 1928..... | 2,924,601.30 |

BEER.

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| June, 1927..... | \$ 715,872.03 |
| July, 1927..... | 1,342,134.88 |
| August, 1927..... | 1,594,567.42 |
| September, 1927..... | 1,500,464.15 |
| October, 1927..... | 1,214,377.83 |
| November, 1927..... | 883,190.59 |
| December, 1927..... | 1,274,439.86 |
| January, 1928..... | 794,428.93 |

WINES.

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| June, 1927..... | \$ 75,413.60 |
| July, 1927..... | 101,419.69 |
| August, 1927..... | 126,376.29 |
| September, 1927..... | 119,948.19 |
| October, 1927..... | 114,951.57 |
| November, 1927..... | 126,607.50 |
| December, 1927..... | 346,287.48 |
| January, 1928..... | 133,105.50 |

MAY BULK RETURNS ON SALES OF LIQUOR

Proposed Amendments Would Make Difficult Discovery of Business in Stores

NEW PENALTIES ADDED

It may be more difficult at next year's session of the Legislature to get information regarding the sale of liquor, by stores, under the L.C.A. Attorney-General Price yesterday brought down to the House some amendments to the present law which are of a minor nature only, but which provide the Hanna Control Commission with power, if they desire to exercise it, to "bulk" the returns of the various shops in their annual statement instead of detailing them individually.

Tighter Disqualifications.

Another amendment "tightens up" the "disqualification" clause of the present act. It provides that if an offense is committed by any member of the family of the occupant of a house, that house shall cease to be a place where liquor may be kept legally for a period of one year.

To the act has been added a subsection, covering the consumption of patent medicines or essences for beverage purposes. It reads: "Any person who obtains or consumes for beverage purposes any of the products mentioned in Section 62 or 63, or who obtains or consumes for such purposes any of the products mentioned in Section 64 shall be guilty of an offense and liable to the penalties prescribed by Section 103." (This section provides a minimum fine of \$100 for first offense and a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and imprisonment for any further offense.)

Section 80, providing that liquor must be kept in bottle in which it was purchased, is amended to provide that the Government label must remain on the receptacle until the liquor is consumed.