

Tuesday-February-26th

"So we can't get the information from it during this session," Mr. Sinclair deducted.

J. W. Widdifield (Progressive, North Ontario) pointed out that his questions on similar topics had been answered last session, and that "now the Government was refusing to answer this year, but not last." Mr. Ferguson suggested that Attorney-General Price might have been unduly generous last year.

Reports Ready.

Then Colonel Price cleared the atmosphere by declaring that the liquor reports were printed and would be on the members' desks during the afternoon.

Answering Opposition questions on the order paper, the Government gave the following information:

On Oct. 31, 1918, there were 40 Provincial Police on criminal law enforcement only, and on O.T.A. enforcement, 75 enforcement officers and 14 administrative officers, a total of 90. On Oct. 31, 1928, Provincial Police officers numbered 223. All these figures were exclusive of traffic officers.

The road which is designated as the Ferguson Highway commences at Severn Bridge, on the south boundary of the District of Muskoka, and continues northerly to the Town of Cochrane, a distance of 408 miles. Portions of this road, through the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound, have been in existence for at least 50 or 60 years; portions in the District of Timiskaming were made from 20 to 30 years ago, and portions in the Cochrane district about 15 years ago, up to the standards that were then required. Much of this road has been reconstructed, and new sections where no sections existed before have been built since the year 1925, and up to date since that time the expenditure upon this highway has been \$3,689,617.70. The road is not completed,

but estimates on the further cost have not yet been made.

Mississauga Timber Licenses.

A number of timber licenses in the Mississauga region, held by J. J. McFadden Limited, covering areas that at various times had been previously offered by advertised sale and disposed of to the highest bidder, were transferred by the said company to Carpenter & Hixon Limited, Blind River, on Dec. 20, 1926. Certain of the licenses included only pine timber, and others all kinds. In addition, a pine area was offered for sale on Feb. 7, 1927, by public tender, and sold on April 15, 1927, to Carpenter & Hixon Limited.

The total cost of fire ranging during the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 1928, was \$1,220,203.52. Against this the sum of \$367,313.80 was received from timber and pulpwood, leaving the net cost to the Province, \$852,894.72.

The total cost of air service for forest protection during the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1928, was \$301,366.26.

George A. Jordan was appointed Police Magistrate at Lindsay on Nov. 29, 1928, succeeding Jesse Bradford.

Two hundred and thirty-one inmates of hospitals for the insane in Ontario were released last year, and returned to the care of the municipalities in Ontario. Of these 16 were returned to the care of Toronto.

During the last year 446 people who had been released from mental hospitals were re-admitted to such hospitals.

Canal Roads Cost.

Expenditures on canal bank roads in the Counties of Grenville and Dundas during the years 1927 and 1928 totalled \$116,336.98, of which 40 per cent., or \$46,554.79, will be borne by the Federal Government, according to estimates provided this year.

The total cost to date of the Ottawa-Prescott Highway of 58.5 miles is: Construction 1913 to 1928 inclusive, \$2,717,085.72; maintenance for the same period, \$277,473.10.

At Oct. 31, 1928, 24 Provincial Police officers were working, exclusively, on Liquor Control Act enforcement.

Dr. Edward Ryan, Director of Mental Hospitals, exercises jurisdiction over the Rockwood Hospital, Kingston, as medical director. He receives \$2,100 a year as Director of Provincial Mental Hospital. Dr. Ryan is still the Superintendent of the Rockwood Hospital, occupies the residence there and receives a salary of \$4,352.

The action of William Eastedo against Dr. C. B. Farrar was a personal action. Hon. Lincoln Goldie told the House, and the Government was not named as defendant. Questioned "On what authority was \$1,648.23 paid by the Province as appears in Public Accounts, 1927?" he replied. "While the action was brought against the Superintendent personally, it was with respect to an official act in the administration of a public institution, and the Government felt that it was under obligation, for that reason, to pay at least the legal expenses."

It was also stated that the action of Rev. Father Minehan against Dr. N. H. Beemer was a personal action, and that the Government was not named as defendant. A reason similar to the one in the other answer was given for the payment of \$1,848.07 by the Province.