

"If," Mr. Ferguson replied, "my honorable friend was running a store, he wouldn't like to show his costs to every person who comes in. The Foshay interest is an example—"

"You don't take them seriously," said Mr. Robertson.

"We take everybody seriously, even my honorable friend," the Premier replied. "They are making a scrap up there that has to be considered, and I look at the Bruce Peninsula as being as important as any other part of the Province for the service of Hydro."

A. P. Mewhinney (Liberal, North Bruce) declared the trouble was that

Bruce had not received the right service from Hydro.

"Hydro doesn't force itself on the people," said Mr. Ferguson.

Silent on Two Things.

M. E. Scott (Liberal, North Oxford) stated that the two things on which the Government gave no information were the Hydro and the Liquor Control Act. He recalled that Premier Ferguson had recently said that, if there was any "interference" with Hydro, the Government was "prepared to step in." So he believed that it would not be discrediting Hydro to make public the information sought in the resolution.

Mr. Ferguson wanted to know if Mr. Scott, in the coal business, would be willing to quote locally the prices he paid for Pennsylvania coal.

"That is different," said Mr. Sinclair. "We are buying Hydro at cost. Surely all the customers, all the people, are interested in knowing that we are getting it at cost."

Mr. Scott declared, in reply to Mr. Ferguson's mention of coal prices, that the Pennsylvania coal operators would be willing to quote their rates to anybody.

D. J. Taylor (Progressive, North Bay) asked: "Is the Government's auditors' report wide enough to cover all the items in this resolution?"

"Unless I had the report before me, I couldn't undertake to answer that question," said Mr. Ferguson, but he expressed his assurance that there was "a complete and full audit."

Power Export Situation.

F. G. Sandy (Progressive, South Victoria) changed the subject by inquiring as to the situation in exporting peak loads of power into the United States. Mr. Ferguson explained that there were no contracts with organizations in the States, but it was understood that whenever there was a peak load of power they would take any available. He stated that the United States companies had no claim on the power, but paid for every ounce of electric energy shot in to them whenever there was enough to put on the lines.

"It is distinctly understood between Ontario and Quebec," Mr. Ferguson added, "that there is to be no export of firm power."

John G. Lethbridge, Progressive Leader, wound up the discussion. He declared that he did not want to do anything to injure Hydro, but it was "rather strange" that any Hydro matters "should be kept secret."

The resolution was then formally withdrawn.

The House briefly considered a further resolution by P. W. Pearson (Liberal, North York) which, referring to Hydro development and the necessity of further supplies of power, urged the speedy development of the St. Lawrence waterways project. This final "Federal" phase of the resolution was ruled out of order. Speaker Black stated that Mr. Pearson had intimated that he would withdraw the resolution or substitute another for the part ruled out. Mr. Pearson was not in the House at the time, so the matter was passed over.

The House then rose at 5.55 p.m.

Government, in co-operation with the Standard and Toronto Exchanges, hopes to maintain the good names of these exchanges, and at the same time provide the general public with further protection, was brought down to the Legislature yesterday by Attorney-General William H. Price.

The legislation is in the form of amendments to the Security Frauds Prevention Act, and it provides for the appointment of what are to be known as "brokers' auditors," whose duty it will be, when called upon, to audit the books of companies operating on the two aforesaid exchanges.

Details Outlined.

Although the Attorney-General forecast the principle of the legislation in a recent interview with the press, most of its important administrative details were not revealed until yesterday with the bill's bow to the Legislature. These details are as follows:

"'Brokers' auditor' shall mean an accountant whose name is on the panel of accountants approved by an executive committee.

"'Executive committee' shall include the Board of Directors, Managing Committee or other governing committee of a stock exchange in Ontario.

"Any executive committee may, from time to time, select a panel of accountants each of whom shall have practiced as such in Ontario for not less than five years and shall be known as a brokers' auditor, and may also employ an accountant for its own purposes to be known as the exchange auditor.

Lien Upon Seat.

"The executive committee shall allot to each brokers' auditor the persons or companies, whether members of or represented upon the exchange, which are to be audited by him, and all of the expenses of every audit are to be paid to the brokers' auditor by the executive committee, subject to full repayment forthwith by the person or company audited, and until such repayment is made the executive committee shall have a lien upon the seat belonging to or controlled by the person or company so indebted to the executive committee.

"Every brokers' auditor shall, at least twice in each year, make a complete audit of the business and affairs of each person or company allotted to him, such audit to be made at irregular intervals, supplemented by such partial audits as the auditor may deem advisable or the executive committee may direct, but no warning or notice shall in any way be given of any such whole or partial audit.

"The executive committee of a stock exchange may at any time require any brokers' auditor upon the panel of accountants of the exchange to make any general or special audit or report upon the whole or any aspect of the business or affairs of any person or company who is or has been a member of or in any way represented upon the exchange.

Free Access to Books, Etc.

"Every brokers' auditor, for the purpose of any audit under the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to free access to all books of account, securities, cash, documents, bank accounts, vouchers, correspondence and records of every description of the person or company being audited, and any person or company withholding, destroying, concealing or refusing to give any information or anything reasonably required by the auditor for the purpose of his audit shall be guilty of an offense."

The act also requires that every brokers' auditor during or upon the completion of an audit shall send a copy of his report, whether interim or final, to the exchange auditor; and that the exchange auditor shall summarize all such information received and report thereupon to the executive committee. Any person designated in writing by an executive committee may examine under oath any member of the exchange or any officer of any company represented thereon; and an executive committee may in writing require any person or company whose affairs have been audited or are being audited to change his accounting system. Failure to comply with any requirements of the executive committee of the exchange shall mean suspension for the company or person offending.

NIAGARA SPAN PLANNED BY SEVERAL INTERESTS

Some of Projects Objectionable to Commission, Premier Explains.

Several interests are contemplating the construction of an international bridge across the Niagara river, Premier Ferguson stated yesterday in the legislature when the house went into committee on a bill by which the Niagara parks commission seeks power to construct or acquire such a bridge.

Hon. H. C. Nixon (Progressive, Brant) objected to the bill on the ground that it conferred too wide powers on the commission. When the commission had formulated some definite scheme for building a bridge, it would be time enough to come to the legislature for the power they now asked, he said.

The premier replied that the commission had been expanding, always with the object of making a real beauty spot of the Niagara Falls area.

"There are a number of bridges planned," he said. "There are several applications for the building of bridges before the dominion government. The question of the location of these bridges arises. Some of the plans are objectionable to the commission.

"Under this bill the commission would be given authority to negotiate for the erection of a bridge at a location which would suit it."

Referring to Mr. Nixon's statement that the commission was being given blanket power to involve itself and the province in a large expenditure, Mr. Ferguson pointed out that the legislature still had control in that the commission would have to have any issue of bonds endorsed by the legislature. "I doubt if this power we are giving them now will ever be used," said the premier.

"There is nothing of a definite nature before the government now?" Mr. Nixon inquired.

"No, there is not," replied the premier.

The bill then went through committee and now stands for its third and final reading.

BROKERS' AUDITORS WILL BE APPOINTED BY NEW LEGISLATION

Administrative Details of New Bill Are Now Revealed

PANEL OF ACCOUNTANTS

Legislation by which the Ontario