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## \$1,300,000 VOTED FOR POWER IN NORTH IN SUPPLEMENTARIES

### Negotiations Proceeding in Sudbury Extension Plans

### \$48,000 FOR COAL FIELD

Negotiations which the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission are now conducting with a view to extension of its power distribution program to the Sudbury district took on added significance yesterday, with the appearance in the supplementary estimates—tabled in the Legislature for the fiscal year—of a vote of \$1,000,000 for development work on the Mississagi River, and a vote of \$300,000 for the extension of transformer stations and transmission lines in the district mentioned.

Premier Ferguson would not discuss the negotiations afterward, other than to state that they had been under way for some time and were "still proceeding."

Amounts to be voted by the House, in the supplementaries, aggregate \$21,424,390, with the Prime Minister's Department — Hydro expansion work thereunder—chiefly accounting for \$10,410,900 of it; Legislation, \$2,025; Attorney-General's Department, \$163,050.57; Insurance Department, \$4,125; Education Department, \$1,952,469.61; Lands and Forests Department, \$147,725; Mines Department, \$58,634; Game and Fisheries Department, \$119,100; Public Works Department, \$2,782,042.84; Highways Department, \$29,000; Health Department, \$84,600; Labor Department, \$4,789,229.05; Provincial Treasurer's Department, \$20,725; Provincial Secretary's Department, \$646,489.25; Agriculture Department, \$148,775, and Miscellaneous, \$65,500.

Votes under the Prime Minister's Department, which are all "Hydro" votes, provide \$2,000,000 for the Chats Falls development on the Ottawa; \$500,000 for the Carillon development; \$750,000 for No. 10 unit at Queenston; \$1,250,000 for miscellaneous betterments to step-down stations at Leaside; \$450,000 for transformer station at Port Colborne; \$100,000 for rural distribution in the Georgian Bay system, and \$1,000,000 for further development at Alexander Falls, in the Thunder Bay system.

An additional \$50,000 is being voted under the Attorney-General's Department for law enforcement; an additional \$25,000 is being voted under the Education Department for fifth classes, grants and contingencies; \$1,308,660 is being voted as special grant to the University of Toronto, and \$350,000 to Queen's University, to be paid as Order-in-Council may direct.

The Department of Mines is asking an additional vote of \$48,000 for expenses of experiments, developments and mining of lignite coal at Blacksmith Rapids. The feature vote of the Game and Fisheries Department is one for \$70,500 for erecting ponds and buildings for the propagation of fish, game animals and birds.

Under the Department of Public Works there is a vote of \$17,500 for the construction of a new cold storage warehouse at Simcoe in aid of Norfolk's apple crop industry; \$8,000 is asked under the same department for the purchase and installation of equipment for projecting and examining talking motion pictures at Queen's Park; \$18,000 will be voted, too, for an addition to the Western Ontario Experimental Farm at Ridgetown; \$45,000 (additional) for Kenora's new jail; \$9,000 for the Mining Recorder's office and lock-up at Sioux Lookout, and \$120,000 for the Ontario Government's new office building on the Strand, in London.

Under the Agriculture Department, \$8,000 will be voted for administration and enforcement of the Weeds Control Act. Miscellaneous votes include a grant of \$15,000 to the Ontario Safety League and a grant of \$2,000 to the Last Post Fund.

## Simpler Bookkeeping

Elimination of cross-entries from the Province's totals of revenue and expenditure during the current fiscal year was announced to the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Dr. Joseph D. Monteith, during the course of his Budget address.

"The gross expenditure will be shown in the Public Accounts, as at present," said the Provincial Treasurer, "but refunds of expenditure will be shown as a reduction, and the net expenditure extended. This will present a clearer picture of the actual facts, and is in line with a similar reform in the accounts of the British Government instituted by the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 1928."

"In practically every department," he went on to say, "there are receipts representing refunds of expenditure which are not, properly speaking, revenue at all, and the result is an inflation of the figures of both revenue and expenditure."