

revenue is short of meeting the total cost of power by \$44,814.76, which will be met by additional billing against the municipalities of Fort William and Port Arthur.

"It is interesting to note that since these generating plants first came into operation, the properties have provided reserves for renewals, contingencies and sinking fund, amounting to almost \$2,600,000.

Re Georgian Bay System.

"In the Georgian Bay System, the capital investment now totals approximately \$7,565,000.

"The total cost to the Commission for the power supplied to the municipalities, rural power districts and other customers of this system, amounted to \$1,005,814.29, which amount includes the interest on the capital invested and the customary provision for renewals, obsolescence, contingencies and sinking fund.

"The revenue received amounted to \$958,442.96, which figure is less than the cost to the extent of \$47,371.33. This increase was occasioned by the cost of additions to plant and equipment necessary to take care of the requirements of this system.

Rural Services.

"In the sphere of rural electrical service, the report says that substantial progress has again been made in Ontario in this important field. Practically all rural electrical service is now given through rural power districts which are operated directly by the Commission. There is now something over \$15,507,000 invested in the rural power district systems. Toward this rural electrical work the Ontario Government, pursuant to its policy of promoting the basic industry of agriculture, has, in the form of 'grants-in-aid,' contributed 50 per cent. of the costs of transmission lines and equipment, or about \$7,677,000. About 8,197 miles of transmission lines have been constructed to date, of which 1,470 miles were constructed during the past year, which is a testimony to the acknowledged value of this service. There are now more than 55,000 customers supplied in the rural power districts, and the amount of power now taken by these rural consumers, in the peak period of August, mounted to the total of 34,108 horsepower."

GRAND JURY SYSTEM MEETS DISAPPROVAL OF COLONEL PRICE

Adds to Expense of Administration, Says Attorney-General

ESTIMATES CONSIDERED

Hydro Debate Expected Today, With Government on Defensive

That Grand Juries might very well be done away with in this Province, was the startling statement made to the Legislature, late last night, by Attorney-General William H. Price, during House discussion of his departmental estimates for the fiscal year of 1932-33.

"I've often thought," he said, "we could get along without the Grand Jury system entirely. It adds to the expense of county law administration without any commensurate return. This would cut down expenses along some lines to a certain extent. We have, I will admit, a lot of machinery that is largely ornamental. But it is not what we set up. It has been on the statute books for many years."

The Attorney-General's statement was inspired by remarks of Charles A. Robertson (Liberal, North Huron), who expressed the belief that Grand Juries were called upon to make investigations that were "absolutely unnecessary."

"The Government," he added, "should step in in this situation and exercise a little more authority."

At 12 o'clock midnight the House was engaged in consideration of the main estimates, and there was every indication that it would not adjourn until the great majority of the \$37,000,000 in votes had been approved.

Today the House will meet at 11 a.m., sit again in the afternoon, and still again at night, if that is necessary, to wind up the 1932 sessional

business. Prorogation, as announced Tuesday, is set for Tuesday next.

Fireworks may sputter in the Legislature again today, when Opposition members, with Dr. George A. McQuibban, Liberal Whip, in the van, will take the Government again on Hydro matters, using the Taylor-McQuibban amendment as the loophole through which to loose their verbal shafts upon the Henry Administration.

This resolution calls, in effect, for all power purchases, contracts and agreements to be first confirmed by act of the House before becoming legal, valid and binding.

It was rumored early this morning that Dr. McQuibban's address will run at least an hour and will be by way of direct reply to the statements made by Hon. Charles McCrea when that Minister spoke on Hydro during the debate address. Premier Henry is also rumored as ready for the lists.

The House adjourned at 1.05 this (Thursday) morning after voting all the main estimates, with the exception of a \$5,000 vote in connection with the Prime Minister's Department.