

## NIXON QUESTIONS ON HYDRO INQUIRY TABLED IN HOUSE

Wants to Know Cost and  
How Much Was Paid  
Tilley

### QUERIES ON FARM BOARD

The opening opposition barrage upon activities of the Henry Government was fired in the Legislature yesterday when Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive Leader, tabled questions pertaining to the Hydro inquiry and sought information on what, if any, legal services have been rendered by W. N. Tilley, K.C., or members of his firm to Governmental services. F. R. Oliver (U.F.O., Grey South) queried on matters concerning the Agricultural Development Board.

Evidence that an attack will be made on Hydro-Beauharnois-Aird Jr., negotiations is seen in Mr. Nixon's desire for ammunition. The Progressive Leader will speak on Tuesday when the debate on the motion to adopt the Speech from the Throne is resumed.

Mr. Nixon's question on Hydro follows: What has been the total cost of the Hydro Inquiry Commission? How much has been paid to Counsel W. N. Tilley, K.C., in this connection? Has anything been paid to any of the Commissioners? If so, to whom, and what amount in each case? Has anything been paid to H.E.P.C. of Ontario in this connection, or have they submitted any bill? Have all obligations been discharged in connection with the inquiry Commission? If not, how much remains unpaid?

Regarding Mr. Tilley's services, Mr. Nixon asked: Has Mr. W. N. Tilley, K.C., or any member of the firm of Tilley, Johnson, Thomson & Parmenter, barristers, or the firm itself, been retained by the T. & N.O. Railway Commission in any capacity since Jan. 1, 1926? If so, what were the occasions and the total amounts of retainers and fees paid by the Commission in each instance? Has any other outside branch of the public service, other than H.E.P.C., retained Mr. Tilley since above date? If so, what were the occasions and amounts in each case?

Mr. Oliver's questions follow the recent appointment of Hon. Finlay Macdiarmid, former Ontario Conservative Cabinet Minister, as Vice-Chairman, and of John Elliot, banker, to the Agricultural Development Board. They follow: Who are the members of the Agricultural Development Board? What was the date of appointment and salary in each case? Does each member come under the public service superannuation scheme? If so, what was the age of each member when appointed? What was the total number of (a) permanent employees, (b) temporary and occasional employees, under the board during the last fiscal year? What was the total wage bill of the board during the last fiscal year?

## HARRY PRICE PLEADS FOR JOB INSURANCE

Says Policy of Direct Relief Wrong, But Unavoidable

Urging each and every member of the House, regardless of political complexion, to give thought and consideration to unemployment insurance, and to put its support of the scheme on record, Harry I. Price, newly elected Conservative member for West York, yesterday afternoon moved the motion in reply to the address from the Throne at Queen's Park.

"While I do not wish to introduce a note of pessimism," he said, "the fact must be faced that for three years we have been fooling ourselves in the belief that 'good times were just around the corner.' In my opinion, the policy of 'direct relief' is wrong—wrong but unavoidable, because we were not prepared for the present crisis."

Reference to his predecessor in the seat, the late Hon. Dr. Forbes Goffrey, was made by Mr. Price, who regretted the passing of one of Ontario's "most able citizens," and he lauded the act of W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader in the Legislature, in adding the cares of Oshawa's mayoralty to his other multifarious duties, and observed, "it is sacrifices such as this on the part of our leading public men that help to keep the Ship of State on an even keel, rather than destructive criticism." Mr. Price also commended Attorney-General W. H. Price for steering a wide and moderate course in difficult times.

Dr. A. C. Burt (Conservative, Norfolk), who seconded the motion, made special reference to the tobacco industry in Western Ontario. The magnitude of the enterprise was noted when he told the House that there was a \$4,000,000 investment in equipment by the growers, exclusive of farms. He said 10,000 extra men were employed in harvesting last year's crop.