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## HYDRO DISTRIBUTES ALL QUEBEC POWER FOR WHICH IT PAYS

Premier Also States Net  
Exchange on Gatineau  
\$599,310

### COST OF NORTH HIGHWAY

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission is accepting and distributing all the power for which it is paying Gatineau and Beauharnois, Premier Henry told the Ontario Legislature yesterday, in answer to an inquiry tabled by T. K. Slack (Progressive, Dufferin). Mr. Henry further stated that from September, 1931, to January, 1933, Hydro has paid on United States funds (in which currency Hydro pays Gatineau for its power), a total in exchange of \$739,676.04. This amount was offset by \$140,365.21, through some of the power going to United States concerns and payment being made to Hydro in United States dollars. The net cost in that period to Hydro on account of paying for Gatineau Power in American funds was, therefore, \$599,310.83.

#### 290,000 Horsepower Load.

Speaking to The Globe last night, F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer of the Hydro Commission, stated that the Gatineau load at present was 260,000 horsepower to the Niagara District and 30,000 horsepower to the Central Ontario District. Power first started coming in from Gatineau in 1928, and by 1931 the load was stepped up to its present figure. Beauharnois turned current into Ontario for the first time last October, and the load is now 35,000 horsepower, Mr. Gaby said.

Answering Thomas Blakelock (Liberal, Halton), the Minister of Lands and Forests said that \$6,926,110.75 has been expended by the Province on the trans-Canada Highway. As most of the work was carried on under the relief plan, the Dominion Government would assume approximately 50 per cent. of this sum. 142.3 miles of the roadway have been completed and is being used by traffic. The cost per mile could not yet be stated, Mr. Finlayson said.

## HOUSE APPROVES TORONTO'S BILL

City Is Allowed Use of  
Empress of Ireland  
Fund

Approval was given by the Legislature yesterday to the City of Toronto's bill. Although the final stage has not yet been reached, the House, in Committee of the Whole, passed each of the clauses without comment.

The bill validates the grants the city has made of \$125,000 to the Federation for Community Service, \$25,000 to the Federation of Catholic Charities, \$18,750 to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, \$7,500 to the Toronto Branch of the Red Cross Society, and \$350 to the Monarch Athletic Club.

It also confirms the city's sales of properties for arrears in taxes; the closing of the southern portions of Frederick, Scott, Harbor and West Market Streets, and allows the city to use the balance of the Empress of Ireland fund. This fund was set up to care for dependents of the victims of that tragedy and was not all used, the balance being left to accumulate for a number of years.

Another important clause in the bill grants the city the power to fix building lines on streets where not more than one-fifth of the buildings are out to the street line. Having fixed this line, none but one-story buildings could be erected out to the street line. The legislation stipulates that when three-quarters of the buildings are back to the new building line the city must buy the strip of frontage.

## Amount of Northern Expenditure Cut Down by Two Million Dollars

Formal notice of motion of the greatly reduced budget bill for Northern Development was tabled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests. Details of slashing economy in the work have already been announced and will affect districts throughout the North, but the road camps for unemployed will still continue. The estimate of expenditures for the current year is set at \$3,000,000, this being the first time in many years that the amount has been below \$5,000,000. Mr. Finlayson also gave notice of a bill which would have the effect of prohibiting settlers re-

selling nursery stock which had been provided by the department for plantation on the land of the settler. The Minister said that instances came to the attention of the department where such small trees and plants had not been planted by the settler, but sold by him at a profit. Hon. Dr. John M. Robb, Minister of Health, tabled a notice of motion to amend the Public Health Act so as to bring the public schools medical and dental services under the supervision of the Department of Health. At present these services have been theoretically under the Department of Education, but the inspection and supervision has been done under the Minister of Health.