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tions of the day and declared that "when the Leader of the Liberals cannot be here they should have a life-sized portrait of him here in the House."

"We are ready to co-operate, and we relish the independent spirit of the Opposition," he said.

OVER 100 QUERIES ON ORDER PAPER

Compensation Board Is Subject of D. M. Ross's List

Opposition members of the Legislature have an appetite for information, as evidenced by the more than 100 questions they have placed on the order paper thus far. These questions deal with almost every aspect of Provincial affairs—Hydro, highways, agriculture, civil service and affairs particularly referred to. To date there have been sixty-two of the questions answered.

Further questions concerning the Workmen's Compensation Board were placed on the order paper of the Legislature yesterday by D. M. Ross (Progressive, Oxford North). He wants to know on what date, and on what authority the board first used money from the Accident Fund to pay a portion of the cost of group insurance of the members of the board and its employees; what the total amount is which has been used for this purpose; how much insurance is carried by each member of the board under this scheme, and if the Government contributed anything toward the cost of administration of the board.

Dr. L. J. Simpson (Liberal, Simcoe Centre) has asked how many foreclosures have been made by the Agricultural Development Board during the past two years, while W. J. MacKay (Liberal, Bruce South) wants to know if the residence and administration building at the Agricultural College at Guelph has been completed, and what it cost.

Mr. MacKay also asked if there is an organization known as the Agricultural Advisory Board; what its duties are; what recommendations it has made and what it has cost. A further inquiry by the member seeks to find out if E. G. Westbury, former Reeve of York Township, is in the employ of the Government, and, if so, in what capacity, and when he was appointed.

GENERAL HOSPITAL AGREES TO KEEP UP CANCER CLINIC PACT

Continuance Follows Appeal to Finer Instincts, Robb States

RADIUM PROSPECTS

That the Toronto General Hospital was prepared four or five months ago to withdraw from the agreement made with the Ontario Government with respect to operating the cancer clinic, was the disclosure made by Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health, in the Legislature yesterday while speaking to the bill respecting the Ontario Institute of Radio Therapy. The bill, which includes the agreement made by the Province with the Toronto General and the Kingston General Hospitals with respect to treatment of cancer by radium, was given its second reading.

Dr. Robb stated that this attitude of the Toronto General Hospital authorities was due to existing conditions, and the need for economy. "It was only an appeal to the finest humanitarian instincts of these men which decided them to allow it to go on."

Half a Gram Purchased.

After telling of the Cancer Commission and its recommendations, Dr. Robb stated that the Province was advised to secure a supply of radium. "I may say that the Government has already purchased half a gram, and when the demand becomes greater, then we will get more." He then told of the prospect of obtaining radium from Canadian ores.

At present the Government was able to supply the radium to medical men who desired it and were able to use it properly. Clinics were being established at Kingston, Toronto and London. The one at Kingston was already open and in operation, and to this one the Government is contributing \$9,000 over a ten-year period. The Toronto General Hospital is to receive \$45,000 a year for ten years.

The Toronto General Hospital is at present carrying out its part of the agreement, he said. The Pathology Building on University Avenue was being renovated at a cost of \$118,000 and equipment was being purchased at a cost of \$102,000. All in all, the hospital was placing facilities costing

\$900,000 at the disposal of the clinic, Dr. Robb stated.

"A Real Undertaking."

If the Government had decided to operate a clinic of its own, the cost would have been about \$850,000 for building and equipment, he stated. It was a real undertaking, which the hospitals had assumed, said the Minister of Health.

"There may be some criticism of the expenditure at this time," he remarked. "But how long and severe a Government stand back and see the ravages of this disease go on? Last year 3,800 died from cancer in this Province, the largest number in its history. This may be a gruesome thought, but at that rate there would be probably eighteen or twenty members of this House dying from that cause."

One out of every six men and one out of every five women between the ages of 50 and 60 died from cancer, he stated. "I think this is in the best interest of the Province, and something may come out of it, we hope. Maybe some young doctor will discover something for this disease such as Dr. Banting discovered. We had to do what we thought in the best

interest, not of the doctors or of the hospitals, but of the people as a whole."

Second Reading Given.

Second reading was also given to an amendment to the Surrogate Court Act. Colonel Price explained that it was to expedite the cleaning up of estates. After some discussion, the bill of the Minister of Highways to enforce a lower speed limit at railway crossings also received its second reading. A provision in the bill states that the speed limit in passing over crossings shall be 20 miles per hour, instead of 35 as at present.

LEGISLATURE URGED TO SUMMON LAWYER

Should Be Made to Prove Charges or Retract, Says M.P.P.

Again bringing to the attention of the House statements allegedly made by Gordon Waldron, K.C., concerning his actions in sponsoring the Optometry Bill, E. J. Murphy, K.C. (Toronto, St. Patrick), moved in the Ontario Legislature yesterday that Mr. Waldron be brought before the House to "prove these charges or make ample apology for such libelous and scandalous statements. Or," continued Mr. Murphy, "to be put where he and his blunderbus statements cannot do any harm." After Mr. Murphy's remarks, made before the orders of the day were called, Premier Henry arose and said: "I presume this matter will come up in the regular way on Monday when the Government will deal with it."

It was Tuesday last that Mr. Murphy arose protesting reported statements by Mr. Waldron that he (Mr. Murphy) had been paid for introducing the Optometry Bill. At that time the member from St. Patrick emphatically denied that he had received any remuneration or consideration for his part in bringing the bill before the House as a private member, and reviewed how he had acted as solicitor for certain optical interests.

In his statement yesterday, Mr. Murphy claimed that he had afforded Mr. Waldron ample opportunity "to deny the libelous and scandalous statements made about me." He contended that Mr. Waldron had not only refused to do this, but other statements had since been made by Mr. Waldron and others.

Speaking to The Globe last night Mr. Waldron remarked that while Mr. Murphy talked of privilege, "he uses his privilege as a member of the House to pour abuse on me."

"It is all very simple," explained Mr. Waldron in his statement. "I suppose I will be called before the Bar of the House to apologize or explain. I will be interrogated by the Speaker—but what the Speaker will have to say to me I cannot say. Then the House, having heard my explanation, will refer the matter to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; admonish me; or send me to the tower. In the meantime, Mr. Murphy, who talks of privilege, uses his privilege as a member of the House to pour abuse on me."