

SHAMROCK PLACED ON DESKS IN HOUSE

**"Day of Peace at Hand in
Ireland," Says Ren-
frew M.P.P.**

A stirring plea for a peaceful and united Ireland with the prayer that that country would "become part of our happy family of British nations," was fervently expressed by Tom Murray (Liberal, Renfrew South), the jovial Irish-Canadian member of the Ontario Legislature, in the House yesterday. "The end of depression and days of peace are at hand," said Mr. Murray, "and I sincerely hope that Ireland will help the Mother Country to become the world's dynamo of civilization."

"England has had her days of persecution and class and religious strife just the same as Ireland," continued the member. "However, these days are gone, and we should all work to one end: that Britannia will still rule the waves and be the ruling force in peace as well as the mightiest in war."

When the session opened a large pot of shamrock was seen on Mr. Murray's desk, a gift from his friends in the House. Later, immediately after Speaker Kidd recited the prayers for the day, Irish pipers marching through the corridors played "The Wearin' o' the Green" as more shamrock arrived for Premier Henry, Speaker Kidd and Coulter McLean (Conservative, Toronto Eglinton). To complete the circle of Irish fraternalism, Tom Murphy (Toronto Beaches) sent a packet of shamrock over to E. J. Murphy (Toronto St. Patrick). "It marks the joining of the North and the South," observed the latter.

Premier Henry rose, in reply to Mr. Murray, and stated that "We all appreciate the difficulties the Emerald Isle is passing through. I trust that all will be settled in the near future and Ireland and Britain will go forward hand in hand."

The Premier observed that many could trace their ancestry back to Ireland, and later told The Globe that it was several generations ago that his people came from Ulster and settled on the farm which he occupies in York County.

GOVERNMENT, HYDRO PAY IN EXCHANGE OVER FOUR MILLIONS

**Figures Given When Henry
Answers Query of
D. M. Ross**

COST OF PORTRAITS

A picture of the sums Canadian taxpayers are being called upon to pay by reason of exchange on funds payable in New York was given in the Legislature yesterday when Premier Henry, in answer to a question placed on the order paper by D. M. Ross (Progressive, Oxford South), stated that during the past year the Ontario Government and the Hydro had paid out more than \$4,000,000 in this connection.

For the past three years the exchange costs for the Government were: 1930, \$80,674; 1931, \$95,260, and 1932, \$2,330,463. The Hydro spent \$464 in 1930, \$95,289 in 1931, and \$1,950,531 in 1932.

The Hydro-Electric Commission delivered 16,000 horsepower through its contract with the Ontario Power Service Corporation to the Sudbury mining area in 1932, and the same amount for 1933, Hon. J. R. Cooke, Chairman of the Commission, told Dr. G. A. McQuibban (Liberal, Wellington Northeast). It was supplied to the International Nickel Company.

The amounts sold in the same area by the Hydro Commission were 14,593 horsepower in 1930, 29,927 horsepower in 1931, 30,908 horsepower in 1932, and 29,127 horsepower up to Feb. 1, 1933, Mr. Cooke said.

The portrait of Hon. W. D. Ross, former Lieutenant-Governor, cost the Province \$5,000, although that of Hon. Henry Cockshutt cost but \$1,000; that of Hon. Lionel H. Clarke, \$1,050; and that of Hon. John S. Hendrie, \$785. Premier Henry informed the House in reply to a question of W. G. Medd (Progressive, Huron South). The other three gentlemen were the preceding Lieutenant-Governors.

Paintings Customary.

The Prime Minister stated that it was customary to have the portraits of retiring Lieutenant-Governors painted, and that he himself had intimated to Mr. Ross he might have one done. It was the usual custom for the Lieutenant-Governor to

choose his own artist. Mr. Ross had chosen John Russell. By reason of this customary procedure, no estimates had been called for the work.

There are 19,111 square miles of pulp concessions in the hands of private interests in the Thunder Bay District, Hon. William Finlayson informed the House in reply to a query of William W. Newman (Liberal, Victoria North), and the Great Lakes Paper Company is the major holder, with 5,740 square miles. There are also 1,867 square miles of timber concessions in private hands in the same district.

No Government funds were used in the erection of the artificial ice rink at Midland, Hon. J. D. Monteith told J. A. Sangster (Liberal, Glengarry), and Mr. Finlayson stated that no Crown forest reserves have been created under the Forestry Act.

Questions Answered.

In reply to an inquiry of T. P. Murray (Liberal, Renfrew South), the Minister of Lands and Forests stated that the number of square miles of Crown land held under license, lease or permit for the cutting of timber or pulpwood which had been cancelled or surrendered to the Crown under the Forestry Act was 692½. No money had been paid by the Crown in consideration of the above cancellations.

Hon. Leopold Macaulay informed the House that the cost of cutting grass and weeds on the King's Highways during the last fiscal year was \$94,850. He also stated that the highway from Brighton to Campbellford had been taken over as a Provincial highway in July of 1930 and that since that time the Government had spent \$281,103 on it.

After Hon. William Finlayson had stated there did not appear to be any urgent need for the legislation, Coulter McLean (Conservative, Eglinton) withdrew his bill, which would have given cities the power to control the emission of gases or fumes, or, in other words, the "smoke nuisance."

Third Readings Given.

Eleven pieces of minor legislation were cleaned off the order paper when they were given their third readings. They had all been discussed on their second readings. Of the more important were the City of Toronto's bill validating grants to charitable institutions and allowing the city to use the remainder of the Empress of Ireland Fund; and the amendment to the Execution Act allowing a farmer who has been foreclosed to keep a team of horses.

Another was the amendment to the Northern Development Act which provides that new settlers taking up land formerly occupied and abandoned do not have to assume the liabilities of the former owners. The amendment to the Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgages Act which allows district Judges the same powers with respect to renewals as to chattel mortgages was also read a third time. Six private bills were approved in the committee and six others were given their second reading.

Dr. L. J. Simpson (Simcoe Centre) tabled a motion which called for the production of information concerning the erection of the Criminal Insane Asylum at Penetang. He desires to know if tenders were called for it; what the tenders were, and the amount of the successful one; and what extras were paid, if any.