

# Immigration Ceases, But Costs Continue, Legislature Learns

**Expenditure Last Year by Ontario Is \$55,000 for Department of Colonization and No Immigrants Enter Province, Premier Informs Members**

## OUTLAY HERE NOT INCLUDED

Not a single immigrant was brought into Ontario last year by the Ontario Department of Immigration and Colonization, but it cost \$55,000 to carry on the work of this department in England and other points outside of Ontario. Premier Henry informed the Legislature yesterday in reply to a query of D. M. Ross (Progressive, Oxford North). During the past three years an amount of \$230,000 has been spent by the department outside of the Province, and but 372 immigrants have resulted.

The figures given by the Premier show that in 1930 the sum of \$86,000 was spent in England or elsewhere outside the Province, \$31,000 of which was in wages, and 341 immigrants were secured. In 1931 the amount similarly spent was \$69,000, of which \$30,000 was for wages, and 31 immigrants resulted. Last year, for the expenditure of \$55,000, of which \$28,000 was in wages, not a single newcomer arrived.

### Other Costs.

And these costs do not include the cost of the department here and the wages of employees. In 1930 there were 10 permanent and 15 temporary employees at Queen's Park; in 1931, 13 permanent and 10 temporary; and in 1932, 3 permanent and 1 temporary. The numbers of employees of the department, outside of the Province, were: 1930, 16 permanent and 8 temporary or occasional; 1931, 16 permanent and 7 temporary; and 1932, 13 permanent and 2 temporary.

Last year the Ontario Hydro Commission spent \$28,656 on publicity. Premier Henry stated in reply to a question of R. A. Baxter (Liberal, Oxford South). In answer to another by S. C. Tweed (Liberal, Waterloo North), he stated that the net sum of \$5,815 was spent on the Commission publication known as the Bulletin, that municipalities interested got copies free, and that there were 55 paid subscribers. There were 40,750 copies of the publication printed in 1932, and the cost of it was charged to the "operation" account of the Commission.

### No Foreclosures.

No foreclosures have been made by the Agricultural Development Board during the past two fiscal years, the Prime Minister stated in reply to W. J. MacKay (Liberal, Bruce South). The board does not make foreclosures, he stated, but there were 154 properties taken over as a result of sale or quit-claim proceedings.

In answer to a question of the same member, Premier Henry stated that the new residence and administration building at the Ontario Agricultural College had cost \$975,000.

# MORE QUESTIONS ON ABITIBI DEAL ASKED BY NIXON

**Wants to Know if Bonds Held by Henry, Ministers or Commissioners**

## WORK FOR TRUST FIRM?

Questions were shot at the Ministry in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Harry Nixon, Progressive Leader, seeking information on the Abitibi deal. Failing to obtain the names of bondholders of the Ontario Power Service Corporation, Limited, in previous inquiries, and being told that the Government did not know the owners of the bonds at the time of the deal, Mr. Nixon now pointedly asks if the Premier, any members of his Government or Hydro Commissioners were financially interested. The Progressive Leader had previously intimated that he will delve into the whole question of Abitibi before the Public Accounts Committee.

The inquiries tabled yesterday follow:

Did the Premier, or any member of the Government, the Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, or either of the Commissioners, hold or control any of the bonds of the Ontario Power Service Corporation prior to, at the time of, or subsequent to, the making of the public offer by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, at the request of the Government, to the holders of bonds of the Ontario Power Service Corporation to exchange such bonds for debentures of the Commission, guaranteed by the Province of Ontario?

If so, what was the amount of the bonds in each instance so held or controlled, whom by, and when purchased?

Has the Montreal Trust Company been given any authority or appointed to do any work in connection with the public offer made by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, at the request of the Government, to holders of bonds of Ontario Power Service Corporation, Limited, to exchange such bonds for debentures of the Commission, guaranteed by the Province of Ontario? If so, what was the nature of the work or authority? How was it given, and on what date?

Where did the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario get the information that over 97 per cent. of the bondholders had accepted the offer?

Have the bonds of over 97 per cent. of the bondholders been deposited with the Montreal Trust Company, or where are they?

Did the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario make any effort to get from the Montreal Trust Company, or from any other source of information, the names of the bondholders in answering question No. 5, Votes and Proceedings No. 21, Wednesday, March 15? If not, why not?

Has the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario submitted any offer for the property, assets and undertaking of the Ontario Power Service Corporation in connection with the judicial sale advertised in the Toronto Telegram, March 6? If so, what was the offer?

Is the law firm of Tilley, Johnson, Thomson & Parmenter representing the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario in this matter as well as the vendors, the Montreal Trust Company?