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\$12,724,000 OF INSURANCE IS CARRIED BY HYDRO

**Cooke Tables List Detailing Amounts With Each
Company—Net Balance of \$14,938,000 Now
in Contingencies Fund**

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission carries \$12,724,074 of insurance, of which \$1,933,473 is carried with Canadian companies, and the balance with United States and British firms, most of which have branches here. Hon. J. R. Cooke, Hydro Commission Chairman, told the Ontario Legislature yesterday in answer to an inquiry of W. G. Medd (Progressive, Huron North). Mr. Cooke tabled a lengthy list detailing the amounts with each company.

Mr. Cooke also informed the House, in answer to Dr. G. A. McQuibban (Liberal, Wellington Northeast), that \$3,495,161.70 was deducted from the reserves for obsolescence, contingencies and stabilization during the past fiscal year. There was an addition of \$1,228,471.23 recorded, leaving a net balance in the fund of \$14,938,399.70.

In answer to J. A. Sangster (Liberal, Glengarry) the Hydro Chairman stated that as of Oct. 31, 1932, there were 55.94 miles of rural primary power lines in the County of Glengarry.

Dr. McQuibban also learned that the Hydro laboratory equipment is housed in a portion of the Commission's building on Strachan Avenue; the equipment cost \$210,176.77; the amount spent on maintenance last year was \$3,014.44, and the salaries paid to the laboratory workers in 1932 were \$44,576.25.

Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth, Guilfoyle & Nash are the auditors for the Hydro Commission. Premier Henry stated in reply to a question by T. A. Blakelock (Liberal, Halton), and the firm was paid \$35,000 for its services during the last fiscal year.

J. R. Gunning has received \$3,264 since 1926, for man and truck, from the Department of Highways. Hon. Leopold Macaulay informed T. P. Murray (Liberal, Renfrew South), while Mr. McPherson is paid a salary of \$3,300 for his services as Superintendent of the London Division of the department. This latter information was given in reply to a question put by Dr. L. J. Simpson (Liberal, Simcoe Centre).

LEGISLATORS FAVOR SALE OF ACCESSORIES IN SERVICE STATIONS

**Amendment Is Approved in
Opposition to To-
ronto's Wishes**

Gasoline service stations may sell automobile accessories, the Municipal Committee of the Legislature decided yesterday in approving an amendment to the Municipal Act for this purpose. The amending bill will be reported to the Legislature to receive final approval.

This decision was made in opposition to the wishes of the City of Toronto, which desired that an amendment be made to stipulate that the selling of accessories be not allowed. Considerable difficulty has been faced by the civic authorities in their attempts to prevent other than public garages and super-service stations from selling them, and now it has been definitely set out in the Municipal Act that they may be sold, provided the bill gets its third reading. The city may, however, refuse to grant licenses to service stations which are in residential areas, so in this way it has some sort of control left.

Controller Sam McBride, who has fought the selling of accessories in the City Council, and City Solicitor Colquhoun were present at the meeting yesterday. The bill which was approved by the committee provides for service stations selling, besides gasoline, oil and grease, such automobile attributes as tires, tubes, light bulbs, sparkplugs and batteries, but it does not allow wrecking, parking, or, except in an enclosed building, washing of cars.

Another amendment sought by Toronto—one to the Assessment Act—was also turned down by the committee. This would have provided that income tax should be levied where a person made his home the greater part of the year. "It is an attempt to clear up the Assessment Act—another hole which the city has found," explained Mr. Colquhoun. "It would provide that a man who works here should be assessed on his income where he lives most of the time."

"We have been trying for some time to get a general revision of the act, and I doubt if this patching up of the act is wise until the general revision comes," observed Hon. William Finlayson. Arthur Ellis (Conservative, Ottawa South) did not see any particular difficulty with respect to the present act. "It is a question of fact as to where a man's home is. It is where he lives most of the time, where he expects to return to, and where his children are educated," he said.

QUEEN'S PARK PLANS TO BAN PUBLICATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

**Blasphemous and Seditious
Articles Also May
Be Curbed**

STATUTE AMENDMENT

The publication of obscene, seditious or blasphemous articles may be prohibited under power which is sought by Attorney-General Price in legislation introduced in the Legislature yesterday. Stress is laid in an explanatory note attached to the bill that obscene and immoral articles in certain magazines and papers, which have gained circulation, are aimed at, but the word "seditious" is particularly inserted to cover Communistic literature.

The proposed legislation, which would amend the Judicature Act, reads:

"An action may be brought in the Supreme Court by or on behalf of the Attorney-General, for an injunction or mandamus restraining the publication of any newspaper, publication, pamphlet, magazine, periodical or other printed matter whatsoever which published continuously or repeatedly writings or articles which are obscene, immoral or otherwise injurious to public morals, or which are seditious or blasphemous. Such action may be brought against any one printing, publishing or distributing any publication of the kind mentioned; and in any such action the Judge may, on such material as he sees fit, grant an interlocutory injunction or mandamus."

The explanation further notes: "There are a number of publications which publish periodically writings and articles of obscene and immoral nature."

Nixon Tables More Questions On Ownership of O.P.S. Bonds

In an attempt to obtain the names of Ontario Power Service Corporation bondholders who have not turned in their holdings to the Montreal Trust Company, trustees in bankruptcy for the corporation, Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive Leader, has tabled questions pertaining to the subject in the Ontario Legislature.

When the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, acting in behalf of the Government, offered its own securities in return for the Abitibi bonds there was 97 per cent. of the \$20,000,000 issue registered for transfer. The list of these was tabled in the House this week, but now Mr. Nixon seeks the names of those who have not responded

to the offer. Their holdings approximate \$60,000.

The Progressive Leader's inquiries follow:

"1. Has the Government, or the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, or its agent, the Montreal Trust Company, any information concerning the ownership of the balance of the Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds not yet turned in for exchange, or can such information be secured?"

"2. Who are the owners of any of the bonds of Ontario Power Service who still hold them whose names do not appear on lists supplied this House by the Montreal Trust Company? What is the amount each holds and the date purchased?"