

LIBERALS ASK COST OF PHONING, CABLING FERGUSON IN LONDON

Nixon Wants to Know Pay- ments to Tilley or Firm

DATA ON ABITIBI POWER

How often has the Government of Ontario telephoned to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson in London? W. G. Medd (Progressive, Huron South) has requested the Government to enumerate telephone calls and cable messages sent to the High Commissioner in London during the last three fiscal years, and has added a rider inquiring as to the cost to the Province in payment of charges for calls and messages to and from the High Commissioner. The question, one of another long list of Opposition inquiries, was tabled in the Legislature yesterday.

The Progressive Leader, Hon. Harry C. Nixon, is asking what sum of money was paid to W. N. Tilley, K.C., or any member of the firm of Tilley, Johnston, Thomson & Parmenter, by the Hydro, the T. & N.O., or Government departments. Mr. Nixon also asks what sum has been paid to Mr. Tilley in connection with his work with the Hydro Inquiry Commission, and what sum went to the same legal advisers in connection with the acquiring of assets of the Ontario Power Service Corporation by the Government or Hydro.

Sum Paid to Lawyers.

F. R. Oliver (U.F.O., Grey South) queried the Government as to what sum was paid E. G. Long, K.C., in connection with legal opinion regarding the last Provincial loan, and also asked what the opinion was, and whether any financial responsibility rested with Mr. Long in case the courts found him incorrect.

The amount of money received by sale of Abitibi power in the last fiscal year, the cost of obligations assumed when plant and bonds were taken over, the cost of Abitibi operation and administration, and the amount of money paid by the Province under guarantee were requested by D. J. Taylor (Progressive, Grey north).

Earl Hutchinson, Labor member for Kenora, asks for the expense accounts of H. G. Fester, a member of the Minimum Wage Board, since his appointment, and showing travelling, hotel, automobile and taxi expenses in detail.

C. A. Robertson, Liberal Whip, inquires how many motor or other boats are owned by the Department of Lands and Forests, and asks what trips these crafts made during the last three years. He wants details of the purchases and of the costs of operation.

Soldiers' Aid Commission.

Further, Mr. Robertson asks what remuneration was allowed members of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, of which Welfare Minister Martin is Chairman; who were the members of the Commission, and how many meetings it had held during three years.

Under the name of J. A. Sangster (Liberal, Glengarry) appears a series of questions relating to the Health Department. The query asks who were the various directors of the department, and what were the salaries, disbursements and expenses of each during the years 1930-33; who were the district officers of health, and what did each receive; and what was the expenditure of the department during the years in question.

R. A. Baxter (Oxford South) queries about the Fire Marshal's Department: "What orders for the destruction or removal of buildings have been made by the Fire Marshal during 1930-33?" he asks. "Who were the persons, firms or companies affected by such orders? Were all the orders carried out, and if not, why were they stayed? Who were the Ministers, solicitors and others who made representations requesting the suspension of such orders?"

N. O. Hipel (Waterloo North) inquires as to the personnel of the Ontario Apprenticeship Board, with the salary and war service of each member.