

## ONTARIO RENTS RADIUM "BOMB" FROM NEW YORK

Dr. Robb Says Purchase in  
Canada Would Mean  
Delay

### PUT IN TORONTO GENERAL

Limited Canadian supply has restricted the Ontario Government in patronizing radium producers. Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health, stated yesterday when the bill validating the radium agreement between the Government and the Victoria Hospital in London reached second reading at the Legislative session.

In answer to press criticism, Dr. Robb detailed the sources from which the Province had acquired approximately a gram and a half of Belgian Congo and Great Bear Lake radium, and then stated: "In addition to this amount of radium we have imported what is known as a bomb of four grams, a most powerful chemical."

#### Equal to Any in World.

The "bomb," he explained, would be placed in the Toronto General Hospital, where equipment, including a lead-lined room, has been prepared. The Minister of Health stated that the acquisition of the "bomb" would make the hospital's institute of radiotherapy equal in efficiency to any in the world.

After remarking that there had been criticism because the bomb was not bought from a Canadian firm, Dr. Robb stated that he had discussed the procuring of a Canadian-made bomb with the Eldorado Gold Mines early in the year. Correspondence was produced showing that local production would mean extended and indefinite delay. A bomb had therefore been rented for a year from the New York agency handling the Belgian Congo radium. Rent, Dr. Robb stated, amounted to 6 per cent. on the bomb's value of \$200,000, and in answer to a question by Progressive Leader Nixon, he said that the Province, if it kept the bomb for more than a year, was obligated to buy half a gram of it during each year in which it was retained.

#### Hospital Agreement.

The arrangement to be validated by the act will require the Government to provide \$9,000 and a supply of radium to the Victoria Hospital. The hospital in return will set aside twenty beds "for indigent persons suffering with cancer or what may be cancer," and will provide the necessary equipment and keep full case statistics and "follow-up" information covering a period of five years after the patient's treatment.

F. J. Wilson (Conservative, Windsor East) at the close of Dr. Robb's address, briefly mentioned the drain made by sickness on the average pocketbook and expressed trust that the Minister would continue his attacks on diseases, "the costs of which are beyond so many pocketbooks."

#### Suggests Survey.

Mr. Wilson suggested a canvass of all on relief to find who were suffering from diseases such as cancer, and testified that in the Border Cities "the health of the people who have fallen on difficult times has been well looked after by this Government."

Maintaining that people prefer to pay reasonable fees to preserve their self-respect, G. S. Shields (Conservative, Woodbine) asked Dr. Robb what charges would be made to the men of average income. Dr. Robb answered that supervisory committees would handle this and other problems.

## HOW MUCH OF LOAN BOUGHT BY FIRMS PROVIDING EXPERTS?

South Waterloo M.P.P. Also  
Curious About Highway  
Financing

### OTHER ROAD QUESTIONS

A new batch of Liberal questions tabled yesterday in the Legislature delve still deeper into the handling of the \$40,000,000 Provincial loan. Premier Henry already has told the House that a commission of experts, drawn from the banks, was paid \$40,000 for its advisory services in connection with floating the loan. Now the Opposition wonders how much of the loan each employer of these experts purchased.

The specific questions, entered under the name of N. O. Hipel, South Waterloo, follow: "Was any one engaged by the Government in an advisory capacity re the recent loan of \$40,000,000? If so, who were they? With what firm is each of these men employed or connected in any way? What amount in dollars and cents were they paid for their services? What amounts of the \$40,000,000 loan were purchased by the firms or corporations with whom these men are employed?"

#### Highway Financing.

Highway financing forms the basis for another pair of Mr. Hipel's questions. He asks: "Has the cost of any resurfacing, repairs replacements or works of any nature on the Provincial highways system been raised by borrowing moneys and charging same to capital account, on any sections where the original capital charge had not been retired before the second capital charge was made? If so, what amounts?"

In a third set of questions, Mr. Hipel inquires as to the total insurable value of all Government buildings outside Toronto, with the total fire insurance carried; what, if any, buildings are without insurance, and who are the insurers and their agents.

Dr. L. J. Simpson, Simcoe Centre, is concerned with winter highways costs between Barrie and Orillia. He asks how much it has taken during the past three years to keep the road in shape, how many sections it has been divided into for this purpose, and how many men have been employed.

#### Oxford South Query.

The Norwood-Havelock Highway takes the attention of R. A. Baxter (Oxford South). He wants to know who had the road-building contract; whether the contract was let by tender, and, if so, what were the amounts of each tender and the names of those who tendered.

A string of Northern queries comes under the name of T. P. Murray (Wentworth South). He asks: Cost of the ferry Jacqueline, in use from La Cloche Island to Little Current; cost of alterations to the La Cloche Island terminal during 1933; cost of

alterations to the Little Current dock during 1933; details of Government purchase of the land on which these terminals are situated; details of expropriation proceedings for the right of way for the Espanola-Little Current Highway, with compensation to owners; names and salaries of the Northern Development Resident Engineer and his assistant at Blind River; ownership of rental details of the Government office and storage buildings at Blind River; and cost and length of operation of the Northern Development office at Blind River.

The Ontario Marketing Board engages the attention of Liberal Whip Charles A. Robertson. He wonders in this connection: How much has been expropriated for or expended by the board; who are the present members; how much has been paid, directly or indirectly, to W. B. Somerset, Commissioner, during the past three years; what are the board's definite accomplishments to date, and what, if anything, was the Government's financial contribution to the Ontario Growers' Markets Council during 1932-33?