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## FIVE MONTHS' NET OF ABITIBI POWER TOTALS \$64,543

Cooke Reports Revenue to  
October 31 Last Was  
\$125,097

### DETAILS BUYING TERMS

Revenue from the Abitibi Canyon development between May 25 last, when it went into operation, and the close of the Provincial fiscal year, Oct. 31, totalled \$125,097, according to Hon. J. R. Cooke's reply to an Opposition question at yesterday's sitting of the Legislature. Operating costs for the same period were \$60,554.

Mr. Cooke detailed terms by which Hydro acquired the power site. Ontario Power Service bonds to the amount of \$19,583,000 were taken in exchange for Hydro debentures totalling \$17,625,125, and guaranteed by the Province. The purchase price was \$14,000,000, and Hydro paid into court \$291,550. Assets of the firm on Hydro's purchase included a plant on which \$15,146,607 had been spent, while \$2,697,392 was held in trust.

To a question as to the amount of capital account or bonds, exclusive of Hydro, T. & N.O. Railway and Agricultural Development Board, which have been actually paid, and not refunded, during the past five years, the Government replied that proceeds from the sale of Provincial bonds go into the Consolidated Revenue Fund, so that the information requested was not available.

Payments to W. N. Tilley, K.C., for legal services during the past fiscal year amounted to \$22,514, Progressive Leader Nixon was told. Premier Henry added that, since the close of the fiscal year, Mr. Tilley had been paid \$15,000 for further services.

To an inquiry regard Provincial flying services, Hon. William Finlayson answered that \$424,006 had been spent by the Province on this branch during 1933. The 8,722 flying hours last year showed a reduction from 1932.

### BILL WOULD PROTECT DRIVERS FROM SUITS

Automobile drivers would be protected from damage actions by passengers under a bill introduced at yesterday's Legislature session by Charles A. Robertson, Liberal Party Whip. The object of the legislation is to have passengers ride at their own risk in private cars. Taxis and busses are excluded from the provisions of the bill.

Another measure from the Opposition side was introduced by T. K. Slack (Liberal, Dufferin). Mr. Slack proposed an amendment to the Game and Fisheries Act, whereby farmers would gain further protection from indiscriminate hunting over their property. Municipal Councils would be enabled to prohibit hunting on private property without written permission from the owner, and without the necessity of notice being given.

## SHOULD HENRY PAY TAX FOR ANSWERING QUERIES?

*Amuses Supporters With Figures on Amusement  
Levy Arrears—Hall in McQuibban's Riding  
Owed 24 Cents in 1933*

Deluged with questions from the Opposition, Premier George S. Henry got a little of his own back in the House yesterday, and he made the most of the occasion, which was his reply to a query demanding details of overdue amusement taxes during the past four years. While his supporters banged desks, chuckled and applauded, he read the list of all those in debt to the Government on that score since 1930.

That year's figures opened with: "Ukrainian Labor-Farmers' Temple, St. Catharines, 1 cent," and reached a total of 37 cents. In 1931, the 2-

cent debt of Wroxeter Town Hall was peak figure, and the total was 4 cents. The following year added 22 cents to the amount due, while 1933 opened with a 24-cent debt of Arthur Village's Town Hall, in Liberal Leader McQuibban's riding. "He should stir up his constituents," declared Premier Henry.

More applause greeted the announcement that the Elgin Theatre, Port Elgin, had paid \$12.25 of its \$24.75 debt, and expected to settle the rest shortly.

The grand total for the four years was \$13.03. "It shows very definitely the Liberal Brain Trust is running out of material," claimed Mr. Henry.