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COOKE IS AMUSED BY LIBERAL QUERY REGARDING HYDRO

Secret or Unpublished Financing Suggested in Question

ANY DUAL JOBS HELD?

A suggestion that Hydro had done some secret—or unpublished—financing during the past month came yesterday from Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature, when a question was placed on the order paper asking if the Hydro Commission floated a loan in February or March, and in that event what were the particulars and how were the bonds sold.

Hon. J. R. Cooke laughed when the matter was referred to him last night. "I don't think it proper to answer questions in advance of the formal reply in the House," he said. "It will be answered very soon and very easily."

McQuibban Questions.

Other Hydro questions came from Dr. George A. McQuibban, the Liberal House Leader. He asks if the Commissioners are permitted to carry on private business in addition to their public duties as Commissioners. The query's scope extends to other Hydro officials, and Dr. McQuibban asks who else is holding down dual jobs. Dr. McQuibban also wonders if all creditors of the Ontario Power Service Corporation who had contracts for the development of the plant have been paid, and, if not, what amounts are coming to what creditors.

Total costs of the Leaside transformer station are also asked by Dr. McQuibban. He inquires how much power from Quebec sources is transmitted, and from what companies.

Earl Hutchinson, Labor member from Kenora, has a string of questions regarding inspectors under the Public Commercial Vehicles Act. He asks names of the inspectors, dates of appointment, and wages. How many infractions has each inspector reported in the last three years, asks Mr. Hutchinson; how many charges were laid and convictions obtained. He is interested particularly in violation of the restrictions on hours of service.

Pensions Particulars.

Dr. L. J. Simpson (Liberal, Simcoe Centre) queries concerning action combating old-age pension frauds. He inquires what reductions were made in pensions and how many were cancelled. In particular, he asks the names of the pension inspectors in Muskoka District. A similar set of questions applied to mothers' allowances. William Newman (Liberal, Victoria North) inquires when the Government intends to fill the vacancy of Local Registrar of the Supreme Court at Lindsay.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION HAS \$55,508 SURPLUS

Drop in Revenue Due to Less Interest in Boxing and Wrestling

Although the Ontario Athletic Commission closed the year with a surplus of \$55,508, the report tabled in the Legislature yesterday noted that revenue had been reduced by \$9,000. This was traceable mainly, the report states, to decline in the public interest in boxing and wrestling.

The Commission doubted that it would be able to collect \$1,260 due it in taxes for sixty-eight professional baseball games played in the Province during the fiscal year.

Boxing matches brought in \$2,000 in revenue, wrestling \$11,000 and hockey \$11,000. Total revenue was \$26,057 and total expenditure \$16,852.