

Lac Mines are absorbing between them some 1,500 horsepower, and there is in sight a considerable potential expansion in the Sturgeon River section. Some two years ago the Commission entered into agreements with the pulp and paper companies for the sale of at-will power at approximately \$4 per horsepower for the development of steam. The consequence is that the generating plants are now using practically their entire capacity, but a considerable portion at-will and at low rates. With the growth of the primary demand deficits will be a thing of the past.

"While the present situation is perplexing, the future is not such as to cause any particular anxiety."

Manitoulin System.

Of the Manitoulin System the Attorney-General said:

"Manitoulin is the baby of the Hydro System. It commenced to operate during the year which ended on Oct. 31, 1933, so that it is a mite of less than 2 years of age. To the end of the fiscal year of 1934, it had purchased power at a cost of \$3,750. Its maintenance and administration expenses amounted to \$2,347. It had set-up and interest renewals, contingency and sinking fund and total expenses of \$10,169.37, and a revenue of \$8,200, leaving a deficit of \$1,969.37. The condition is perfectly healthy, and so far as I know there is no reason to call in the services of Dr. Daffoe."

Hon. Mr. Roebuck here adjourned the debate.

CONTROL OF COMMISSIONS

Heighington Seeks to Regulate Powers

A bill designed to prevent various Commissions from passing regulations without the approval of the Ontario Legislature, was introduced yesterday into the House by Wilfrid Heighington, Conservative St. David's.

The measure constitutes an amendment to the Interpretation Act, which concerns the interpretation to be placed upon statutes of the Province.

It is understood that this amendment, if passed, would prevent the Liquor Control Board, the Ontario Securities Commission and other Government Commissions from passing regulations without House approval.

Six-Year-Old Feud On Aird Payment Draws Hot Words

Nixon Suggests Henry Was Ferguson's "Goat" in "Scandal"

John Aird Jr.'s \$50,000 payment bobbed up repeatedly yesterday in the Ontario Legislature. Prime Minister Mitchell F. Hepburn brought down the pertinent Order-in-Council to answer former Premier Henry's objections of the preceding day and the latter finally passed the subject up with an exclamation of disgust.

"The Leader of the Opposition has been very wrathful," Mr. Hepburn noted as he went over Tuesday's debate. The Premier read an Order-in-Council passing a special warrant out of which, he said, John Aird was paid.

"But not mentioned in the Order," said Hon. Leopold Macaulay.

Hepburn Applauded.

"Will you just possess your soul with patience?" said the Prime Minister. The gallery applauded; Mr. Henry called for a ruling from the Speaker on gallery applause and the Speaker told the galleries that no applause is allowed from visitors.

The Prime Minister read over his documents and concluded. "So, in effect," he said, "the former Prime Minister did sign an Order-in-Council paying John Aird Jr. \$50,000, and said he knew nothing about it until it came out a year later."

Mr. Henry protested that the order was a general resolution clearing up various details. The payment to John Aird was not referred to in Cabinet Council. Who, he demanded, signed the recommendation to the Cabinet Council?

The Premier returned that Mr. Henry had signed the order, and was accordingly responsible. Rectitude of the payment was debated.

Signed by Ferguson.

It was finally brought out that the recommendation had been made by the then Prime Minister, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

Mr. Henry returned to the battle with an allusion to his own position at the time as ranking Cabinet member.

"I ask the senior member of the Cabinet," he said, "if he scrutinizes everything signed by the Prime Minister."

Premier Hepburn started to answer, but Mr. Henry insisted that his question was for Hon. Harry C. Nixon.

"I certainly scrutinize everything I put my name to," that gentleman answered. "I think that Mr. Ferguson played you for the goat in this."

Mr. Henry strongly demurred.

ROBERTSON PROTESTS MACAULAY'S CHARGE

House Applauds Declaration of Loyalty by Huron-Bruce Member

Strong objection was taken in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Charles Robertson, Liberal for Huron-Bruce, concerning statements he attributed to the Hon. Leopold Macaulay on Tuesday, that he (Robertson) had been disloyal to Liberal causes.

The incident concerned a meeting some time ago in Stratford when Mr. Robertson was allegedly reported to have publicly opposed the actions of Premier Hepburn in dismissing certain Government employees.

Mr. Robertson yesterday stated he was on the platform at the meeting in question, but said he had risen to defend the actions of the Premier. He was reported, he said, in a Toronto paper as having criticized his Leader.

"I am solidly behind the Government," Mr. Robertson declared, "and object at this time to starting a five-year term, by being accused of disloyalty, when the opposite is the truth. I strongly resent my loyalty to the Hepburn Cabinet being doubted."

The explanation was vigorously applauded and Premier Hepburn particularly demonstrated his agreement with Mr. Robertson's explanation by desk-thumping.

Liberal Premiers Meet in House

Two Liberal Premiers whose parties were elected to power last June 19 met in Ontario's Legislative Chamber yesterday.

Premier James Gardiner of Saskatchewan was a visitor at the Legislative Buildings, and met Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn. The Saskatchewan Premier was present throughout the Throne Speech debate in the afternoon. He is on his way to Ottawa to check with the Federal Government its financial arrangements for aiding residents in drought-stricken areas of Saskatchewan.