

January 29

Legislature Recesses Today To Feb. 16; Hepburn Back Then

The Ontario Legislature will recess today until Feb. 16. Premier Hepburn will be back in Toronto by that time, ready to participate in the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, which will be called immediately the House re-assembles.

The Conservative Opposition agreed late yesterday to expedite the passage of the Government's three power bills through their final stages first thing this afternoon, and between 4 and 5 o'clock

the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, Hon. Dr. Herbert A. Bruce will visit the Chamber to give the legislation Royal assent.

Two of the bills which become operative only on proclamation by Order-in-Council, will not be made effective in any event, it is understood, until after certain new agreements for further Quebec power, which are now reportedly in the process of negotiation, are reached by the Government and Hydro with the Ottawa Valley Power Company.

Conservatives Ask Data On Payments by Hydro

Tackling the Hydro situation from another angle, the Conservative Opposition has filed with the Clerk of the Legislature a motion calling for a return of all letters, memoranda, messages, surveys, reports and minutes of the Provincial Power Commission meetings relating to or involved in the payment of \$26,801 to W. F. Ryan of Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation; the payment of \$16,571.67 to Lewis Duncan, K.C.; and the payment of \$3,582.11 to the law firm of McRuer, Mason, Cameron & Brewin. The motion is sponsored by Hon. George H. Challies, Provincial Secretary in the Henry Administration.

The first Order Paper questions filed by the Opposition so far this session deal almost exclusively with Hydro matters. Arthur Ellis, South Ottawa, asks information

as to the total horsepower exported or sold to persons or corporations in the United States by Hydro during 1935 and 1936. He also asks whether the Hydro officials who were "suspended by the present Commissions and employed on a day-to-day basis" have been made permanent. Hon. W. D. Black, Addington, asks what system or systems were charged for the carrying charges on the frequency changer at the Chats Falls plant and what was the yearly charge and how allocated. T. A. Murphy, Beaches, wants to know when R. S. Robertson, K.C., was engaged by Hydro or the Government, how much has been paid for his services to date, and how much is still to be paid.

In what company or companies was the insurance policy on the fire-destroyed Wahnipitae Hydro plant carried? William Duckworth, Dovercourt, asks. What was the amount of the insurance?