

T.N.O. NET PROFIT IS UP BY \$300,000 HOUSE IS TOLD

Revenue for the Year
Ending March 31, 1940,
Establishes New High

FREIGHT INCREASES

An increase of more than \$300,000 in net profits of Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1940, compared with the previous year, was shown in the annual report tabled in the Ontario Legislature this afternoon by Provincial Secretary Harry Nixon.

Net profit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1940, was \$1,154,719, compared with \$841,702. The commission reported operating revenues of \$5,457,400, an increase of \$416,149, and operating expenses of \$3,748,728, an increase of \$111,101.

The report noted an operating ratio of 68.69 per cent in 1940 compared to 72.15 in 1939. Operating expenses increased 3.05 per cent and operating revenues by 21.73 per cent.

"The net profit of \$1,154,719 remains after payment of interest on bond issue and current bank loan and represents earning at the rate of 3.82 per cent on the \$30,207,935 invested by the Province in this property," the report stated.

Most notable feature in traffic was the increase in the movement of freight, starting about Sept. 1, 1939, coincident with the outbreak of war. Greatest increases in car loadings were for pulp, lumber, pulpwood, paper and ore.

A decline was noted in passenger traffic, and, the report added: "This condition of declining passenger traffic may be expected to continue. The only thing that can be done about it is to reduce the passenger train mileage as far as may fairly be done without depriving the people of reasonable service."

The subsidiary Nipissing Central Railway, running from Winston, formerly Swastika, to Noranda, Que., had a net loss of \$8,973 for the year.

The report noted that the operating revenues of \$5,457,400 established a new high. During the year the current bank loan was reduced by \$525,000 to \$3,300,000, and debentures of \$111,000 due on Feb. 1, 1940, were paid off, making a total debt reduction for the year of \$636,000.

Total of freight traffic was 1,496,248 tons in the year under review, and total number of passengers carried was 368,749. Mileage of passenger trains was 480,813 and of freight trains 648,095.

WILL REGISTER CIVIC AUDITORS

Authority sought by the Department of Municipal Affairs to pass upon the qualifications of municipal clerks and treasurers before their appointment was refused yesterday by the Legislature Municipal Law Committee.

The committee approved the department's recommendation requiring municipal auditors to be persons who are licensed by the department. With protective amendments it also approved clauses which required municipalities to secure the approval of the Municipal Board of by-laws restricting the use of land and buildings. A. J. B. Gray, chief supervisor of the department, said the sections provided a step in a positive direction toward town planning.

LIBERAL RANKS SOLID, IS CLAIM

M.L.A. Denies Hepburn
Disciplines Followers

REFUTES CHARGE

Denying the allegation of Hon. George S. Henry that followers of Premier Hepburn are disciplined if they vote against any measure supported by the Government, J. J. Glass (Lib., St. Andrew's), said that there had been very few occasions of differences of opinion in the ranks of the Government's supporters. He stated that the people of the Province whole-heartedly supported the financial policy of the Government and that the present Government was one of the best friends the municipalities have ever had.

Mr. Glass launched into an attack on A. H. Acres, Conservative member for Carleton, who, he alleged, wasted the time of the House by continual reiteration in his speeches. He used the words "dishonest" and "unjustified" in his remarks, and Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Acting Leader for the Opposition, asked the Speaker to have Mr. Glass retract. Mr. Glass attempted to explain, but Mr. Macaulay twice again arose and the Speaker directed that the remarks be withdrawn.

That the people of the Province find the Government sadly lacking in leadership was the contention of R. D. Arnott (Con., Hastings West.)