

## Ontario Minister Tells Of Great Forest Wealth

Ultimate annual wealth produced by Ontario's forest resources, based on the wood and paper products resulting from them, approaches \$232,000,000, Hon. N. O. Hipel, Minister of Lands and Forests, told the Legislature yesterday in forecasting a great postwar future. For every dollar invested in the forests, he said, additional wealth of \$50 was being created.

He said the department was studying a two-fold plan for absorbing manpower after the war, one plan for immediate employment and a long-term development scheme. Ontario's slogan should be, he said: "Prevent forest fires, eliminate waste and plant more trees."

Mr. Hipel outlined department efforts to eliminate waste in the Province's 100 million acres of forest land, through regulating timber length, finding uses for cheap, unmerchantable lumber and sawmill left-overs, hitherto burned but now utilized by pulp mills, etc.

To alleviate the fuel wood situation, the department was permitting municipalities to cut fuel wood on Crown lands and was offering fuel wood at reasonable prices to any one who wanted it. It had asked for aid through the Federal Fuel Controller, but Ottawa had acted too late to be of benefit this year in that the farmer was not assured a profitable "roadside price" in time to put men into the woods.

Permissive legislation was being studied to restrict cutting of trees on private lands, for while Ontario's tree-planting over the past 10 years averaged 15,000,000 trees, the annual consumption was 15,000,000 for pulpwood, five to eight million for lumber and 10 and 15 million for fuel.

Christmas trees are proving a vexed question, Mr. Hipel said, and he forecast a bill to regulate "trespass cutting" on private lands.

Summer resort sites, heretofore not sold on Crown lands, were now

being made easily available for Americans who wished to build tourist homes in the northland, and the change would attract many American here and provide work.

The Ontario war emergency training program, of which he is chairman, Mr. Hipel said, had trained over 108,000 men and women, and had 6,500 in training for the armed services at the lowest gross cost in the Dominion up to last year.

Criticizing the Budget system, which, he said, planned in advance for a surplus, instead of a deficit, W. J. Stewart (Prog. Con., Toronto-Parkdale) charged the Government was "buying the people's votes with their own money," as he cited mounting legislative costs over the years.

Hon. St. Clair Gordon, Provincial Treasurer and head of the Ontario Liquor Control Board, defended underbudgeting on liquor revenue since the future, with the Ottawa Government in control in this regard, was uncertain. He offered this as one reason for need of a guaranteed revenue in liquor.

## Cancer Research Foundation Aim of Harold Kirby's Bill

A bill to establish "The Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation" will be introduced in the Legislature next week by Health Minister Harold Kirby, who has been allotted \$500,000 by the Cabinet as an initial grant in a Province-wide cancer program.

The bill will set up a board of trustees to administer the grant and to superintend the work of the foundation which will be established in Toronto. Clinical research and hospitalization of cancer sufferers will be housed in one building.

An advisory medical board will be set up, and this will be composed of

outstanding medical men, including surgeons, radio therapists and other experts. This board will work under the board of trustees.

The bill will likely come before the Legislature for first reading on Wednesday or Thursday. Notice of intention to introduce it was given by Mr. Kirby yesterday.

Co-ordination of activity is one of the prime objectives of Mr. Kirby's plan. The eight cancer clinics of the Province will not be disturbed by the new setup. The foundation will be a cancer hospital, one of the largest of its kind in the world, and a clinical research centre, all housed in one building.