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to pay the grant in three parts—about March 31, July 31 and Nov. 1.

Overall Surplus

Mr. Frost, commenting on the method that had been in use for the past five years of declaring an "overall surplus," said this was misleading, and that he had included an overall surplus statement last year simply to carry out previous procedure. It was not included this year because he didn't feel it should be confused with ordinary surplus. Overall surplus, he felt, was "a deliberate misstatement."

Mr. Hepburn charged "juggling figures," which brought the heated retort from A. H. Acres (P.C., Carleton): "He's the last one to talk of juggling figures after transferring \$30 million from the Provincial banks to make his Sunshine Budget. He has misrepresented the Budget on two occasions."

"The talk of transfer of \$30 millions is untrue; it would have broken the bank. The other charge is equally ridiculous," said Mr. Hepburn.

The House was still in supply on the measure when it recessed at 6 p.m. for dinner.

Separate and Public Schools

In the closing discussion last night, Attorney-General Leslie Blackwell took the floor to declare that Mr. Jolliffe had raised the question of the relationship of public and separate schools and demanded to know "whether he is prepared to take the responsibility of altering the legal basis between public and separate schools."

Mr. Jolliffe had complained that Toronto separate school grants would be \$16 per pupil, compared with \$33 for public schools.

The subject of public and separate schools "is a subject no responsible person can play with. This Government, in arranging these grants in the interest of the support of both has not been disposed to interfere with the legal basis of both public and separate schools," said Mr. Blackwell.

The Attorney-General's repeated demand that Mr. Jolliffe answer his question brought no reply. "He hasn't the courage, gumption or honesty to answer the question," Mr. Blackwell said heatedly.

"The Attorney-General is a member of the Government responsible for any inequalities in the new grants," said Mr. Jolliffe. "His party and ours were committed to the principle of equality of opportunity for all children. No amount of legalistic evasion can save the Attorney-General."

Finding Mines Lags in Ontario, Roberts States

A great deal of the interest creating the present mining boom is centred on properties located outside of Ontario, and for the moment at least "Ontario seems to have been eclipsed in popularity in this respect," Kelso Roberts (Progressive Conservative, St. Patrick) said in the Legislature last night. He spoke in the Throne Speech debate.

"However, I know enough about this business to realize that this in itself is not too serious," said Mr. Roberts. "But I feel we should examine this situation very carefully in the light of warnings that the older mines are petering out or depleting their reserve, and that we are not discovering and developing a corresponding number of new properties to take their place."

Over the past 10 years the Quebec Department of Mines spent \$6,250,000, or an average of more than \$600,000 annually. This is nearly twice the average for Ontario, Mr. Roberts said.

Other Provinces were spending nearly as much as Ontario, the member continued. He felt that Ontario has been lagging substantially in this field. If the mining industry in Ontario is to develop, more intense and active work on the part of the Mines Department is needed, Mr. Roberts claimed.

In his opening remarks Mr. Roberts criticized Liberal House Leader Mitchell Hepburn, charging him and his supporters in the House with "deliberately ganging up against this Government, aided and abetted by their all too willing and anxious accomplice, the member for Bellwoods," (A. A. MacLeod, Labor-Progressive).

Mr. Hepburn, charged Mr. Roberts, "even got into bed with the Federal Liberal Leader, who is adept at making guinea pigs of Provincial leaders when it suits his purpose."

Neither Mr. Hepburn nor Mr. MacLeod were in the House while Mr. Roberts was speaking, a fact which Mr. Roberts said he regretted. However, he was prepared, he said, to say to their faces what he was saying in their absence.

"Last year, under the leadership of the member for Brant (H. C. Nixon) the Liberals behaved admirably, but when they decided to ride behind their new master of the hunt, no one can tell from day to day whether to ride to the hounds or hunt with the hares," said Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts criticized the two Labor-Progressive members, asserting "they have deliberately put themselves on the auction block and have sold themselves to the highest bidder." This drew a protest from Joseph Salsberg (L.P., St. Andrew), but the Speaker overruled his request for a withdrawal.

The member for St. Patrick spoke in favor of religious education in the schools, and declared that he could find nothing in the textbooks used which could possibly be interpreted as offensive to any good Christian, whether Protestant or Catholic, or to any good Jew, orthodox or unorthodox.