

purpose, following the fiscal year ending Dec-

31 next.

The new Welfare Department has been put into operating condition, and the foundation laid for further extensive services, if and when finances warrant their being undertaken. The Highways Advisory Committee has been asked to study the vexed question of highway taxation. Conservation of game resources will also be studied by another committee. The Hydro, which has been under criticism, has had its position clarified by the explanations in the House of Hon. J. R. Cooke, Acting Chairman of the Ontario Commission.

A study of methods for the cure or treatment of cancer will be made, and steps have been taken to conserve natural gas supply by stopping a price war between companies operating in Western Ontario. This course, however, met severe criticism from the Opposition as an interference with the rights of consumers. The number of Judges sitting in the Court of Appeal has been reduced, thus permitting a speeding up of circuit work. Several bills, affecting barbers, battery service stations, the sale of agricultural sprays and the income tax, were dropped in the face of strong criticism, and the bill providing for Township School Boards, for so long urged by Mr. Ferguson, has apparently disappeared from the Government's program.

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### *WHERE CITY MONEY GOES.*

Within a few days citizens of Toronto will receive at their front doors a batch of imposing bills, indicating the approaching return of the taxpaying season. The experience is likely to spoil the day for many people, for the bills will be higher than before, and there will be a certain finality about the notice, reminding one of an inescapable duty.

The policeman who paces your street, the firemen who dash with fury and clamor, the man who plants the bulbs in the neighboring park; the girls who serve in the library—all these have to be paid from your money. Back of that there is a big bill for erecting bridges, laying out new streets, and extending city services in many directions, and the interest charges on these capital outlays have to be met from year to year until the capital cost is paid up.

When we are told the taxes are \$33.60 for each \$1,000 assessment, the total is a grim