

Friday, March 11th

OPPOSITION QUERIES ANSWERED IN HOUSE

Racing Associations Not Paid Commission on Collec- tion of Wagers

O.T.A. FINES \$1,120,196

While crowded galleries waited in suspense for the introduction of the Government Control Bill in the Legislature Wednesday, the legislative machinery worked with routine regularity. All those throngs in the spectators' seats were inspired by one question: "What about the Government Control Bill?" but before answering this the Government took the opportunity of answering a score of other queries—Opposition questions on the order paper.

Grants by Hydro.

C. Gardner (Liberal, East Kent) learned that the grants to the Ontario Municipal Electric Association by the Ontario Hydro Commission has been as follows: 1917, \$5,322; 1918, \$4,170; 1919, \$4,466; 1920, \$4,008; 1921, \$3,885; 1922, \$2,446.

A. A. Colquhoun (Liberal, South Perth) was told that John McConnell of Windsor, who resigned from his position as Alderman there during a recent investigation, was a returning officer for a Windsor riding at the last Provincial election. Mr. McConnell held a temporary position as Inspector under the Luxury Tax Act of 1925.

G. A. McQuibban (Liberal, North-east Wellington), was informed that \$339,000 had been spent to date in connection with the Boys' Training Home at Bowmanville for lands, building, equipment and improvements of a permanent character. A sum of \$8,547 was spent in connection with the farm at the home and \$5,512 was received from a sale of live stock. The staff there is three executives, four teachers, four farm hands, nine others. Monthly salaries total \$2,040. The amount of capital and current expenditures total to date \$437,000. On Feb. 14 74 boys were in residence at the farm.

Hannigan Query.

D. J. Taylor (Progressive, Grey North) was informed that T. J. Hannigan was not at present on the payroll of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Mr. Hannigan had been paid \$6,700 in connection with the radial railway by-law and for his services as Treasurer of the Radial Railways and Municipal Association in 1922 and 1923.

R. F. Miller (Liberal, Haldimand) was given the following information in connection with the enforcement of the O.T.A.: Money collected from fines totalled: 1924, \$420,868; 1925, \$365,446; 1926, \$333,882. Expenditures for enforcement were: 1924, \$351,955; 1925, \$402,538; 1926, \$317,602.

D. M. Ross (Progressive, North Oxford) was told that racing associations of Ontario were not, as was the case with oil companies in case of the gas tax, paid a commission on the collection for the Government of race-track wagers.

COST OF POWER PLANTS DETAILED BY PREMIER

Presents Interesting Figures as to Peak Capacity Development

Costs of each of the power development plants now operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission were detailed in the Legislature on Wednesday.

Replying to a question by F. G. Sandy (Progressive, Victoria South), Premier Ferguson stated the cost of each of the power plants as at October 31, 1926, as follows:

Queenston — Chippawa development, \$76,302,481; Ontario Power development, \$22,026,481; Electrical Power development, \$12,017,814; Big Chute development, \$664,663; Eugenia Falls development, \$1,139,600; Wasdell's Falls development, \$146,390; Muskoka development, \$737,743; Nipigon development, \$10,410,955; Rideau development, \$839,006; Central Ontario development, \$7,774,359; Nipissing development, \$699,462.

The horsepower development in 1926 was as follows; with the figures showing peak capacity horsepower: Queenston-Chippawa development, 550,000; Ontario Power development, 180,000; Electrical Power development, 145,000; Big Chute development, 5,800; Eugenia Falls development, 7,400; Wasdell's Falls development, 1,000; Muskoka development (two plants), 6,750; Nipigon development, 75,000; Rideau development (two plants), 3,000; Central Ontario development (nine plants), 47,028; Nipissing development (two plants), 3,600.