

18. The total disbursements on account of superannuation fund No. 1 for the year ending 31st March, 1926.

19. The total disbursements from superannuation fund No. 2 for the year ending 31st March, 1926.

WATER POWER LICENSES

Mr. GEARY:

1. All water-power licenses now in force and issued by the Department of Railways and Canals, the statement to show in each case location of site, the amount of power leased and the rental both at present and at time of issue; also the date of each original lease and to whom the same was issued; transfers of same and the name of the present holder.

2. All water-power licenses issued by the Department of Railways and Canals which have been cancelled or otherwise lost effect.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Perhaps I am at fault, Mr. Speaker, but I intimated to one or two hon. members on this side of the House that notices of motion would not be taken up to-night, and they have now left the chamber. Since we have finished with the estimates, I would suggest that we adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House adjourned at 10.28 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9, 1927

The House met at three o'clock.

NATURAL RESOURCES—PRAIRIE PROVINCES

PETITION PRESENTED BY HON. MR. EDWARDS

Hon. J. W. EDWARDS (Frontenac-Addington): I have the honour to present a petition, addressed to the Prime Minister, the cabinet and members of the House of Commons, earnestly requesting that their natural resources be transferred to the prairie provinces at the earliest possible moment, without restrictions or limitations of the said provinces as to the complete control of their educational or other local affairs. The petition is signed by fifty electors of Chatsworth, Ontario; by fifty-seven electors of Lambton county, Ontario; by twenty-one electors of Kamloops, British Columbia; by fifty-two electors of Walkerton, Ontario; and by sixty-two electors of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

ESTIMATES FOR 1926-27

A message from His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting estimates for the year ending March 31, 1927, was presented by Hon. J. A. Robb (Minister of Finance), read by Mr. Speaker to the House, and referred to the committee of supply.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEDNESDAY SITTINGS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): With respect to the motion I made yesterday regarding Wednesday sittings, I understand that the leader of the opposition (Mr. Guthrie) is agreeable to having it presented again to-day in the form it was intended to be put:

That on Wednesday, the 16th instant, and every subsequent Wednesday until the end of the session, the House shall meet at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion agreed to.

POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 47, to amend the Post Office Act (newspaper ownership).

He said: Mr. Speaker, the object of this amendment is to provide for a uniform law for newspapers in regard to the use of the mails, similar to those acts in the mother country, Australia and the United States. The proposed bill requires sworn semi-annual statements from all newspapers, magazines, trade journals and other periodicals which contain articles designed to influence public opinion, giving the names and addresses of editors, owners and stockholders. There is a proviso that this act shall not apply to religious, fraternal, temperance, scientific, or other such publications, and the names of the small stockholders are not required to be given. A copy of these sworn statements must be published in such newspapers or other publications, and paid editorials and other reading matter for which money is paid must be plainly marked "advertisement". Failing this, such publications shall be denied the use of the mails.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 48, to amend The Railway Act, 1919 (special rates on coal).

He said: The object of this bill is to assist the establishment of a national coal supply for Canada and to provide a remedy for the provinces supplying the coal market—that is, the maritimes and Alberta. At present grain and flour are carried on a special preferential basis, and since coal is almost as necessary as flour and grain, it should be carried on the same basis. The bill seeks to establish a national coal policy for Canada. This country