

by the United Farmers of Alberta to a majority of the seats in the Legislature. On Dec. 1 a general election was held in Ontario, with special reference to the method of controlling the liquor traffic. The Government, which had announced its intention of repealing the Ontario Temperance Act (an Act of a prohibitory character) in favour of a system of Government control of the sale of liquor, was returned to power by a large majority over its opponents of various political stripes.

Appointment of the Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation.—On April 7, 1926, as foreshadowed in the speech from the Throne at the commencement of the session, an Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation was appointed by Order in Council (P.C. 530), on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance. The Board consisted of three members:—Rt. Hon. George P. Graham, Chairman, Alfred Lambert, Montreal, and Donald Gordon McKenzie, Winnipeg. The duties of the Board were set forth in the Order in Council as being to inquire into and hear representations on all matters pertaining to the tariff and other forms of taxation, under the direction of the Minister of Finance, and to advise the Minister in regard thereto. The Minister of Finance may make regulations and give instructions as he deems expedient or necessary. The Board shall meet whenever considered desirable by the Board itself or whenever required by the Minister of Finance. It is authorized to secure information and advice from officers of the various Departments, while other competent persons possessing special knowledge may be appointed to the staff by the Minister of Finance on the recommendation of the Chairman.

Up to Feb. 24, 1927, the Advisory Tariff Board had made thirteen reports to the Minister of Finance, dealing with tariff increases or reductions on such commodities as pumps, player piano music rolls, epsom salts, invalids' wheel chairs, tin, foxes and canaries for breeding purposes, objects of art, etc. Applications in connection with numerous other commodities are under consideration.

The Chairman of the Advisory Board (Rt. Hon. Geo. P. Graham) resigned his position after having been appointed to the Senate, and Mr. W. H. Moore, of Toronto, was appointed his successor on Feb. 5, 1927.

Obituary, 1926.—Mar. 4, Hugh Armstrong, Winnipeg, Man., former Provincial Treasurer in the Roblin Government. Mar. 5, Judge C. A. Stewart, Calgary, Alta., of the Appellate Division of the Alberta Supreme Court. Mar. 7, John Dixon, Ottawa, Ont., Director of Publicity in the Natural Resources Intelligence Branch, Dept. of Interior. Mar. 15, Leroy T. Bowes of the Canadian Hydrographic Survey, Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, Ont. Mar. 20, Hon. C. Robillard, Montreal, Que., a member of the Legislative Council, Province of Quebec. April 16, George H. Ham, Montreal, Que., Assistant to the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway. April 24, Sir Alexander Bertram, Montreal, Que., Chairman of Imperial Munition Board during the War. May 9, Hon. Daniel McLean, Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova Scotia. May 10, Hon. William Mitchell, Drummondville, Que., Senator. May 11, Jobson Paradis, M.A., Chief Translator, Geological Survey, Mines Department, Ottawa. May 13, Hon. Edgar K. Spinney, M.P., Yarmouth-Clare, N.S., a former Minister without Portfolio in the Meighen Government. June 1, Hon. Martin Madden, Minister without Portfolio in the Taschereau Government. June 2, Chester D. Massey, Toronto, Ont., Honorary President of the Massey-Harris Company, Ltd. July 19, J. A. Polkinghorne, Ottawa, Ont., former Clerk of Sessional Papers, etc. July 29, Dr. Michael Clark, near Olds, Alberta, former M.P. for Red Deer, Alberta. Aug. 6, J. Oscar Baldwin, Kindersley, Sask., Judge of the District Court, Judicial District