

The Minister for Mines: Have you not had enough during the last 24 days?

Mr. McLARTY: This month has been all right. Thousands of acres have had to be taken out of the irrigation area because of a shortage of water. Many of the settlers were looking forward to irrigating their holdings and preparing for it. The position represents a very serious loss to the people concerned. I am sorry the Minister for Country Water Supplies is not present this evening. At the first opportunity I intend to bring this matter under his notice and hope he will make a statement concerning it. I could have dealt with other matters of local interest, but do not intend to do so. I will bring them under the notice of the Minister concerned when the opportunity arises.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, debate adjourned.

House adjourned at 8.55 p.m.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTION—STATE INSURANCE OFFICE.

Mr. WATTS asked the Treasurer: 1, What was the revenue received by the State Insurance Office for premiums on workers' compensation insurance of all kinds during the financial years 1933-34, 1934-35, and 1935-36? 2, During the same periods, what was paid out in respect of workers' compensation claims of all kinds? 3, During the same periods what was the cost of administration apportioned to such insurance and settlement of claims?

The MINISTER FOR LANDS (for the Treasurer) replied: 1, 1933-34, £128,335; 1934-35, £174,419; 1935-36, £242,096. 2, 1933-34, £111,407; 1934-35, £148,033; 1935-36, £173,022. 3, 1933-34, £2,636; 1934-35, £3,148; 1935-36, £3,796.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

House adjourned at 1.33 p.m.

QUESTION—RAILWAYS.

Medical Examination of Employees.

Mr. HEGNEY asked the Minister for Railways: 1, Is it a fact that any new employee of the Commissioner of Railways at the Loco. Workshops, Midland Junction, has to undergo a medical examination before being engaged? 2, What is the reason or necessity for such examination? 3, How much is such employee charged for the examination? 4, Is the fee charged retained by the examining doctor, or is it placed into a special fund under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner?

The MINISTER FOR LANDS (for the Minister for Railways) replied: 1, Yes. 2, To ensure that any appointee is physically fit. 3, Five shillings, provided he is accepted for appointment. 4, It is paid to Railway reserve.