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Ontario, seemed to be more definite, it is our opinion that they stand on no higher ground than his previous reckless comments. Men in public life become targets for scurrilous attacks and apparently it is part of the policy of Mr. Hepburn to carry on this sort of a campaign. Hydro has had years of villification and abuse with a purpose behind it and this criticism of yourself is but another phase of it.

As I have stated publicly, the acquisition of the Ontario Power Service Corporation was carried through by the Government only after the most careful investigation and study, and I firmly believe that time will abundantly prove the wisdom of the step we took. Further, the Government is fully aware that at no time did you have any prior information as to the conclusions we eventually reached except the general public knowledge that negotiations were in progress.

In conclusion, let me say the Government holds in high regard your services to the Hydro Commission, as does also, I feel, the general public. If we do not see eye to eye with you in your request for a Commission of Investigation, it is merely because in our opinion there is no real need for it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Arthur Meighen.

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