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Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
National Building.

Confidential.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

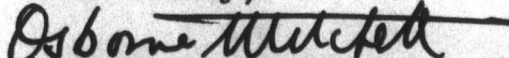
I do not know how closely you have been following the vicissitudes of the Hydro, but in any event I thought you would be interested in what I believe to be the feelings of the engineering profession and I am enclosing therefore a copy of the current issue of Electrical News and Engineering. It contains on page 27 a report of an address on the Hydro situation given by the writer before the Rotary Club of Hamilton on April 4 - a few days before Dr.Gaby spoke over the Radio.

My reason in writing to you is because I am greatly concerned over the future of Hydro and I also I want your confidential advice. I feel that the Ontario Government's present policies will greatly jeopardize the Hydro's future operations. Formerly we used to think that the Hydro was too big an undertaking and too technically involved for any government to unduly interfere with its operations, but today it is quite apparent that the present fanatical control will stop at nothing.

Unfortunately there does not appear to be anyone in the Legislature well-enough informed upon Hydro to do anything about it. I sat and listened in agony during the recent fracas. The Government's statements were all inaccurate or misleading and could easily have been refuted by anyone knowing the situation. Members of the Opposition were hopelessly lost, and their ignorance of Hydro was appalling. They missed a glorious opportunity of tearing in to shreds the utterances of the Attorney General. I was itching to do it for them.

For some time I have been advocating that there should be in the Legislature an engineer who has followed the Hydro's operations very closely. Do you think this suggestion would receive the approval of the present Conservative party? I would very much like to have the opportunity myself, but I am not familiar with party practices. If there is any advice you could give me about this suggestion I would be very grateful.

Yours truly,


Osborne Mitchell.

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