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The matters to which you refer above were covered by an Order-in-Council issued in the middle of 1934 by the present Government of Ontario, directing Mr. Chief Justice Latchford and Mr. Justice Smith to investigate everything connected with the taking over of the Abitibi power plant and my connection therewith, and the connection of the said companies with such acquisition, and everything related thereto. This investigation, as you know, took place. The Hydro Commission, of which you are Chairman, is in possession of all the evidence taken at this enquiry.

I now call upon you to produce and quote from such evidence a single sentence, or the testimony of a single witness or of a single document, which establishes or goes any distance whatever to establish the allegations you have made in this letter. Though I have taken some part in the public life of this country, I am surely not by that reason bereft of the ordinary rights of a citizen, and in the exercise of such ordinary rights I demand of you that you produce this evidence.

I have not been favoured with a transcript of the proceedings since the investigation was completed, but I was present throughout the entire hearing, and I say to you now that there was not a tittle or a breath of evidence that any such request was ever made by me of the Government, much less that any such representations were made by me to back up such a request.

The statements you have made are nothing more or less than a gratuitous insult and calumny, without any foundation in fact whatever.

This is not the first time in which you have indulged in baseless accusations in an effort, perhaps inspired by others, to heap contumely upon me. Since the enquiry referred to above, you joined in the institution of a lawsuit designed for a similar purpose. One would think you might have learned from the result of that lawsuit and the rebuke administered by the Court to your Commission that unfounded and vindictive allegations against your fellow-citizens is not the character of conduct which commands respect.

Yours truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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