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NOBODY BUT A CONCERN THAT COULDN'T
DELIVER THE GOODS EVER ADVER-
TISED TOO MUCH.

THREE CENTS.

BECK DENIES ALL CHARGES MADE BY SETTLE Two Children Meet Death When Owen Sound Home Burns

SIR ADAM EXPLAINS ALL IN DENIAL OF CHARGES

Beck, on Witness Stand at Snider Probe Into Settelle Charges, Declares All Transactions Were Fully Understood and Agreed to by Hydro Commissioners—Tells of Refusing Check For \$45,000 For First Six Years' Work.

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Toronto, Nov. 12.—Judge Snider, probing the charges made by Clarence Settelle, former secretary of the hydro, against the Ontario hydro commission and Sir Adam Beck, concluded his inquiry at 12:15 today. When W. S. Brewster, government counsel, invited anyone who could give evidence to step forward, F. H. McGuigan, who had a contract for a transmission line, did so. When he inferred a charge against the hydro, his honor, stopped him, stating this inquiry was only into charges made by Settelle and not by others. Mr. McGuigan said that he had been asked whether he got the contract "where the chairman got off."

Mr. McGuigan was just going further to allege a partnership by Sir Adam Beck with some contractor when I. B. Lucas, hydro commission counsel, interrupted to state that this surely constituted another charge, or would constitute another charge if Mr. McGuigan were allowed to proceed with it.

Had Made Threats.
His honor agreed with the objection, and Mr. McGuigan was not allowed to proceed further.

"You have been presenting a claim against the hydro for years?" asked Mr. Lucas of Mr. McGuigan.

"Yes, and this is the first time I was ever able to get in," was the reply.

"An arbitration board, in which your counsel was W. N. Tilley, made a settlement of your account against the hydro?"

"Yes."

"You have been making threats against the hydro?"

"Have you any evidence of it?"

"Well, you said angry words about it."

Sir Adam Beck, taking the stand, said that when he started on the hydro commission he served without compensation, but had stipulated certain requisites be given him, including a car and chauffeur and hotel expenses.

This lasted six years, in which he took no compensation. At the end of six years, James Whitney for \$45,000, being at the rate of \$6,000 salary, and \$1,500 living expenses, a year. This he refused.

Later, he had a small flat for headquarters in Toronto. The commission furnished the sitting-room, and Sir Adam paid for the bedroom furniture himself.

Later a bigger flat was used, and all the furniture for it was brought from his London residence. When Sir Adam was appointed chief engineer, he had stipulated that he be allowed to do outside work as a consulting engineer, Sir Adam continued. The commission had full confidence that this eventually would be the result.

"We shall reach our goal," he said, "by virtue of the strength of right, of the union of the people, and of the attachment to the throne, and of the solidarity of all for the safeguarding of our rights in the two lakes of the valley of the Nile with- out admitting or recognizing any act or fact likely to prejudice them."

"I think all expenses were paid by the federal government," said Sir Adam. He bought horses for the British government also. He was entitled to use the car, and the commissioners knew it.

Sir Adam said that the charge that there were changes made in the minutes was absolutely false. There may have been changes in technical terms, but no deliberate changes. Sir Adam said Settelle as his secretary was his only guide as to appointments, accounts, et cetera. He had never refused to pay accounts placed before him by Settelle.

Depended on Settelle.
"He was the only protection I had," said Sir Adam. "I asked protection from the staff, so that personal accounts should be paid by myself, and not allowed to be charged to the hydro commission," said Sir Adam.

Sir Adam said the sanatorium at London was a demonstration place for rural electrical machinery, much of which was presented to the commission for demonstration purposes. Regarding another charge that \$12,500 personal expense to Ottawa had been charged to the hydro, Sir Adam said he thought it was part of expenses of a trip to England in which he was to meet the director of the hydro commission.

Anyway if it was personal it was the duty of the secretary to have charged it to him personally.

Denies Loan From Molsons.
Sir Adam denied emphatically that \$20,000 of hydro funds deposited in Molsons Bank was to secure a loan made by the Beck companies or him self. "The Beck companies never got a loan of any kind from the Molson Bank," said Sir Adam.

Sir Adam said the violet ray outfit bought for \$40 was brought to him. Please See Page 11, Column 2.

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