

Ottawa,
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T. Stewart Lyon, Esq.,
Chairman,
Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

You have written a letter which appears in the Ottawa Journal of 9th instant under the heading "Hydro and Abitibi". In this letter you have chosen to bring in my name and do so in such a manner as to definitely and clearly leave sinister aspersions upon myself.

Referring to the acquisition of the Abitibi Power site by the Government of Ontario, you use the following language:

"The redemption took place and public ownership was ultimately secured largely because of representations made by the holders of Abitibi bonds, including Mr. Meighen, that ruin stared them in the face if the plant remained uncompleted....."

Further on in your letter appears the following:

"These facts so far as I am concerned constitute the 'Abitibi outrage':

"1."

"2."

"3. The return of the power site to public ownership, not because of any love for public ownership, but because Mr. Henry himself, Mr. Meighen and Mr. Meighen's companies would have been badly pinched had the Abitibi development remained in an unfinished condition."

In the above extracts you plainly state, or give your readers to understand:

(1) That I made representations to the Government of Ontario urging them to acquire the Abitibi power plant;

(2) That among the arguments used by me to induce the Government to acquire the plant was the argument that I personally, or I and certain companies in which I was interested and which you choose to describe as "Meighen's companies", were staring in the face of ruin and would be badly pinched if such power plant were not acquired by the Government.

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