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Prescott, June 29, 1931.

The Right Honourable,  
Arthur Meighen,  
Toronto,  
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am glad to see that you are a Hydro Commissioner and that your appointment will bring to that Board the intelligence it has lacked since poor Becks death.

My research has at last brought me to the final stage where it is only now a matter of magnetic coils and poles, and I have one of the ablest consulting engineers in Canada, working these out for me.

On several occasions I have written Mr. Gabey to come here to study the new laws I have discovered and am about to demonstrate, but, he is so quite sure that I am wrong that he will not come and it becomes necessary for me to write you the following facts.

Exactly forty years ago I saw that Gravity could be used in Mechanics and designed my ROLLER BOAT. It took me seven years before I succeeded in finding the money necessary. Poor Sir John Thompson was going to build it and after talking it over with me, he went to England and died at Windsor Castle, as you know.

Then I started in afresh and was met by all the engineers and "Scientists" of that day to whom I showed my plans; the Deans of the schools of science, my Alma Mater McGill, Queens and Toronto, who told me I was quite wrong; "It can't be done". The late Walter Shanly, the man who built the Hoosac Tunnel after all the U.S. engineers had failed, and which made him internationally famous, told me I was showing a new law and that engineers could not help me. That it was too big for Canada and that I should take it "to the great British Shipbuilders" and that he believed I was right. I went to London and my old friend, Sir Charles Tupper introduced me to Lord Kelvin who made the "can't be done" unanimous and killed my chances for money there.

That was in 1894 and in 1897 I built the boat and, as the press of that wrote of me, I had "Confounded the Scientists".

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