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"Never Had Anything Better," Says Ontario Man.

At the first sign of a cold in the head, melt a little Vicks VapoRub in a spoon. Inhale the vapors. The vapor will reach the sinuses, soothe the inflamed membrane, and you will be well back. You will be delighted to see how quickly it helps to break up a cold.

Another way is to heat a tin cup, put in a teaspoonful of Vicks and inhale the vapors that way. As fast as the vapors lose their strength, throw out the melted Vicks and add fresh. Vicks VapoRub, the discovery of a Southern druggist, is a combination in salve form of Camphor, Menthol, Eucalyptus, Thyme, Turpentine, etc. It is the modern, direct treatment for all cold troubles, the successor to goose grease, camphorated oil, liniments, poultices and plasters.

Mr. Thomas Bakewell of 83 Lincoln street, Welland, Ont., says: "I tried Vicks VapoRub and found it satisfactory in every way. As a remedy for a cold in the head I have never had anything better. I melted a spoonful and inhaled it and got immediate relief and was able to go to my work the following morning. I always recommend it to anyone I know who is suffering from a cold the way I did."

Vicks is the ideal treatment for colds—both for grown-ups and for children—because it avoids so much internal dosing. Just as good, too, for cuts, burns, bruises, sores, stings and skin itching.

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SIR ADAM BECK WARMLY PRAISED IN GREGORY COMMISSION REPORT ON ONTARIO HYDRO DEVELOPMENT

Only Real Criticism Is of the Excessive Cost of Chippewa.

PREMIER COMMENTS

Ferguson Maintains Probe Was Instituted by Drury to Hurt Public Ownership.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 13.—Government and U. F. O. leaders in the Legislature agreed this afternoon that the report of the Gregory commission investigating hydro matters vindicated public ownership of Ontario's electrical development.

The premier took over an hour to give a comprehensive summary of the report, which was tabled in several huge volumes. He commented on some portions of it, and told the house that the investigating commission had cost the province over half a million dollars. In the latter part of his address he maintained that the commission had been appointed by the Drury government to injure public ownership, but that it had been vindicated "even at the hands of its enemies."

Saves Public Ownership.

Hon. Manning Doherty claimed that the commission had been appointed in the first place to save public ownership from its enemies and that it had. "The death knell of public ownership would have been rung if this commission had not been appointed," said Mr. Doherty. "This report is a safeguard for public ownership in this province for all time."

The most critical feature of the report on hydro matters is the declaration that the Chippewa development cost eleven millions more than it should have. The rush schedule for completion of the work is blamed by the commission for the excess cost of eleven millions. The reports find no disproof for no glaring inefficiency. It says the Chippewa is a monument to the engineers and praises most of those who had to do with its construction.

The report says that in some matters wastefulness, extravagance and mismanagement were shown, but these were to be expected on such a huge undertaking. The remainder of the charges, it is said, were found to be "ghost stories" and proved to be baseless. The commission found that the Ontario electric power commission was justified in constructing the development itself rather than letting the work by contract. The work itself is described as a "magnificent piece of engineering" and an "asset of inestimable value to Ontario."

Costs Increase.

The commission finds that the construction should have been carried on by a separate construction department directly responsible to the commission, and not under the engineers of the commission. The report says the early estimates of the cost were not well founded. The 1915 estimate of \$27,000,000 was exceeded by \$17,000,000. The excess was caused, according to the report, by the following items: Changes of design, \$1,196,000; wage increase and inefficiency, \$13,000,000; higher price of materials, \$3,700,000; higher price of equipment, \$2,500,000; higher price of plant, \$3,700,000; overhead, \$5,680,000; strikes, fires, higher cost of right-of-way and other items, \$4,078,000. The commission waited too long with the result that the costs were pyramided to a very great extent, and the rush schedule would not have been necessary had the construction work been under a proper management. The commission should have engaged a manager of construction of high qualifications and wide experience, who under the commission would have organized a construction department subject to the commission. Such a manager would have had more equipment on the job in the earlier years of construction, thus obviating the tremendous rush in the latter part of the construction period.

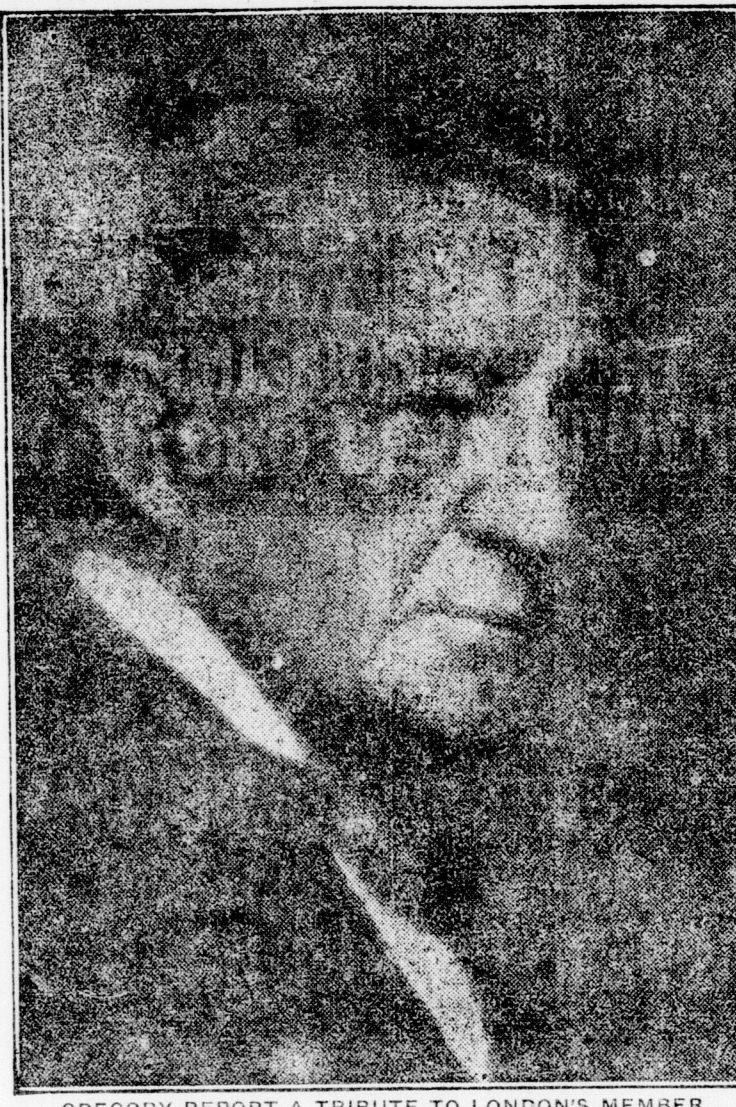
Lack of Frankness.

Regarding relations between the power commission and the government, the report states: "When the first construction estimates were submitted, and throughout the whole period of construction, information as to the cost of the work, which should have been laid before the government, was withheld, and there was a notable lack of frankness on the part of the commission. This led to misunderstanding and mistrust which ought never to have existed."

The report states the cost of the full development of 550,000 horsepower will be \$82,482,914. The cost per horsepower will be \$12.55, which is \$1.80 more than it would have been if the \$11,000,000 had been saved. Speaking of Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the power commission, the report says: "The chairman of the commission has been regarded in the past as a man of great force and effect as the commission itself, and his forceful personality played a great part in settling or unsettling the relations between the government and the commission; he was loved and respected and at the same time stood in his way. These circumstances should not blind anyone to the fact that he has rendered great and notable service to Ontario. When there was unceasing and persistent obstruction from powerful interests, his fighting qualities stood him in good stead and helped him to overcome all opposition. From the beginning he has kept the commission free from the paralyzing influences of officialdom."

Exceeds Authority.

The report says that the power commission overspent the appropriate



GREGORY REPORT A TRIBUTE TO LONDON'S MEMBER.

Sir Adam Beck, M.L.A. for London, whose work in connection with hydro development in Ontario is praised in the report of the Gregory commission which was submitted yesterday afternoon in the legislature. One paragraph in the report says: "His fighting qualities stood him in good stead and enabled him to overcome all obstacles. From the beginning he has kept the commission free from paralyzing influences of officialdom. He has rendered great and notable service to Ontario."

tions made by the legislature, and gave them freedom to investigate any hydro matter. "My ingenious little friend, the former attorney-general (Mr. Raney) put that in the instructions as a real carpet sweeper, while

Among other findings of the commission are: That the principle of public ownership of water powers and development by the people is fundamentally sound; that the engineering department is serving efficiently; that the methods of accounting are adequate; that the things which we take exception are nearly all matters of administration, and that methods can be reformed and wrong methods righted; that the power commission has frequently exceeded its legal powers; that the government should have fuller information regarding the operations of the commission; that the commission made a mistake in entering the radial railway field; that the Central Ontario system should be unscrutinized; that the powers of the government to guarantee bonds of the power commission are too wide; that there should be regular conferences between the commission and the municipalities; that the members of the power commission should be highly qualified men; that the value to Ontario of the power developments under the control and management of the power commission is inestimable.

List of Assets.

The inquiry commission submitted a table in which it gives the assets of the Ontario Hydro Electric System at \$162,152,470, made up of capital assets as follows: Plant, buildings and equipment, \$148,942,280; Mortgage on Walkerton quarry, \$260,000; Sinking funds deposited, \$1,484,665; and current and working assets making up the remainder of the total.

The liabilities are: Principal made up in advance for various systems and for Chippewa development totalling \$106,216,695; Bonds and debentures, \$43,529,416; There is an undistributed credit balance of \$254,890.

The premier, after his summary, said there wasn't a suggestion in the report of dishonesty. "It must be a gratification to Sir Adam Beck and the other commissioners and to the people of Ontario to find that after spending half a million dollars and two years of time a commission which was antagonistic to public ownership can find nothing wrong," said the premier.

Mr. Raney objected to the statement that the commission was antagonistic to public ownership.

"Are Mr. Lloyd Harris or M. J. Haney public ownership men?" asked the premier. "However, the fact remains that they were big enough to be converted to public ownership. But I do say this, that if these commissioners had carried out their original instructions as given by the government that they would have killed public ownership in this province."

Government Not Bound.

The premier referred to what he termed the omnibus clause of instructions issued by the commission, which

the original thought was that only the Chippewa was to be investigated. The late government handed to this commission the formation of their policy on public ownership. They put it in the hands of its enemies so they could dictate what was to be done. This government amended these instructions, and will not accept any suggestions, nor are any offered, from the commission as to the policy to be adopted."

Mr. Doherty—"Don't play politics with the report now, then."

Mr. Raney—"He can't help it."

The premier retorted that the attitude of the late government towards hydro was responsible for their defeat. He said that Premier Drury was a public ownership man dead that Hon. D. Carmichael, representative of the Drury government on the hydro commission, had shirked his duty on that commission to save his government.

Mr. Carmichael declared this was untrue, and that he had frequently defended the commission in the House.

Great Tribute.

The premier stated that Sir Adam Beck had been so successful that now even his enemies had to vindicate him, and he thought the report the greatest tribute ever paid to a public man in this country. The report was, further, a condemnation of the Drury government.

Mr. Doherty said the report was a matter of congratulation to Sir Adam Beck and his engineers. It was also a compliment to the late government in choosing the commission. It had He defended the commission against the charge that they were not public ownership men, stating that there were many men of large personal investments who gave good service to their country. It was a report of men who had done their duty and the most authentic report on hydro electric matters ever printed in the English language. He said that there were engineers willing to pay up to \$2,000 for a copy of the report.

"I say here now that if this commission had not been appointed by the late government that the death knell of public ownership in this province would have been rung," said Mr. Doherty. "The greatest enemy of hydro in Ontario has been those who went around the country giving the loudest hurrahs for it. This expenditure of \$500,000 on this report will safeguard public ownership for ever, and bring back ten-fold returns to the province. We have this report now to guide us in the greater St. Lawrence development."

"Do you mean to say that the motive of the late government in appointing this commission was to save hydro?" asked the premier.

"Yes," replied Mr. Doherty.

The premier gave the House a statement showing the cost of the commission. The commissioners were paid \$104,580 as follows: W. D. Gregory, chairman, \$26,820; M. J. Haney, \$22,090; L. Harris, \$11,820; J. A. Ross, \$10,700; R. A. Ross, \$33,770. For engineering services was paid \$120,266.



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