

it cost us seventy-six cents, and now I am going to get the wife an iron. I can get one for \$4.75." So now they are going to iron by electricity. Would they have ever ironed by electricity if they did not get the public-owned power?

Now, I don't believe that your County is slow. You know the advantage of Niagara power and you also know the possibilities you have for developing power here. Now, I believe there is a plant here at what you call Black Hole owned by Mr. Moyes, of Toronto. Now, we interviewed Mr. Moyes. Mr. Moyes is a business man and his information when we approached him was not very satisfactory. In fact, we did not get any that was much use to us at all. Well, we can't negotiate with anyone without knowing definitely what we can do. We asked Mr. Moyes what he would sell for and he finally said \$100,000 on a six months' option or \$105,000 on a twelve months' option, and this was clogged with conditions as to how power was to be supplied to the Railway. Now, I am not condemning Mr. Moyes. It is my business to look after my business, and he, I presume, looks after himself. We could not consider this offer because of the conditions imposed and also because of the price asked. Now, let me say a word as to the feasibility of the plan. You ask us for a report. It is our duty to find out for ourselves what the possibilities are. You hold us responsible and we accept the responsibility. Our engineers are at work now. They have been for the last week. In the course of a few months we will have a fair idea of the possibilities of development there. I have a fair idea now. We are not going to accept Mr. Moyes' offer. We are capable of judging for ourselves what it is worth and we want a fair return for our money. A week ago, I thought it might be well to approach Mr. Moyes. He was out of town. I communicated with his solicitor. I told him that the County might decide to develop power and that his conditions were not to our liking. Should the County decide to develop power there, if we cannot get better terms, we will have to resort to the powers conferred on us by the act and expropriate the plant. Now, if you are going to use the quantity that we assume you are in summer time, that power will not supply the County of

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