

0 t t a w a, March 16, 1937.

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, M. P., Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Prime Minister:

I recite in this letter certain facts and circumstances as the basis of an appeal which I shall make for action on the part of yourself and the Government of which you are the head.

Speaking in the Legislature of Ontario on February 23rd last, the Premier of that Province made certain very definite and exceedingly serious charges against myself, both in respect of my conduct as a Hydro Commissioner of the Province of Ontario, (which position I occupied from June 1931 to April 1934) and also in respect of my conduct in relation to a Company or Companies with which I had been, and am indeed at present, connected. Reports of the Premier's utterances appeared in the Toronto papers of the following day and were widely spread throughout Canada. I am enclosing for your perusal the report as it appeared in the Toronto Star of February 24th and also as it appeared in the Globe and Mail of the same date.

As indicated above, the allegations of the Premier of Ontario covered two distinct fields, the first being in relation to misdemeanors or worse which he alleged against me in respect of the performance of my duty as a member of the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario, and the second in respect of misconduct described by him in one place as "nefarious" and in another place as "criminal", such misconduct being, as stated by Mr. Hepburn, perpetrated by myself in business matters connected with the management of Companies. To be exact, the following words are attributed to the Premier of Ontario:

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