

## APPENDIX No. 2

Mr. CARVELL: It seems to me that in the adoption of these amendments you establish the most vicious principle I have ever heard of in my pretty long experience in Parliament. If there is any difficulty in the city of Toronto over this question, let them come here and introduce a special Bill providing that the Toronto and Niagara Power Company shall not buy out this company.

Mr. MACDONELL: That cannot be done. There is no way of introducing a private Bill of that kind.

Mr. CARVELL: It can be done, and why should we put in the Railway Act of Canada a confiscation clause?

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: By what right does this company seek to force the municipalities of Ontario and every other province, to give up what they own?

Mr. MACDONELL: Yes, give up the control of their streets.

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: That is the point. When Parliament enacted this legislation, they did wrong, and I do not believe they knew what they were doing at the time.

Mr. CARVELL: We will admit they did it.

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: The municipalities have some rights as well as this company.

Mr. CARVELL: For the sake of argument I am going to admit that Parliament did as you say, although I do not believe it, and I am going to admit that Parliament gave them a charter, which it ought not to have given. But these men went on and invested their money and they have given the city of Toronto a pretty good service, although we are told that before the Hydro-Electric Commission came in they were charging an excessive price for the service. However, they gave a good service and a cheap service, and they have spent a good deal of money. Now you are asking this Parliament to take away from these people the rights on the strength of which they invested their money and through which they expected to earn dividends.

Mr. MACDONELL: It is not true that the company has given a good service or a cheap service.

Mr. CARVELL: Not given a good service?

Mr. MACDONELL: No.

Mr. CARVELL: Do you mean to tell me that any man is going to patronize the Toronto Electric Light Company if they are not giving as good and cheap a service as their competitors?

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: To whom are you referring.

Mr. CARVELL: To the Hydro-Electric Commission. I say this company must give as good and cheap service as their competitors if they want to get any business. Then you come along and say, "Notwithstanding that you are giving as good and cheap a service as your competitors, notwithstanding that you are pioneers in this business"—

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: They are not the pioneers, there were companies developing power before the Toronto and Niagara Company commenced operations.

Mr. CARVELL: They were practically the pioneers in bringing electrical power to Toronto. Nevertheless you want to take away its vested right and put them at the mercy of competitors.

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: I want to give the municipalities the right to control their own streets.

Mr. CARVELL: I say so too, and the sections in the Railway Act which have been quoted here, and the amendments suggested by Mr. Johnston, give municipalities the power to control their own streets.