## FIVE OVERCOATS CHARGED BY GABY

Expense Accounts of Chief Engineer Comes Under Fire at Probe.

SETTELL IS SILENT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 6.—The expense account of F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the provincial hydro-electric system, under review today before came under review today beto Commissioner Judge Snider, who investigating charges made by C. Settell, former secretary to the chairman, Sir Adam Beck, of irregu-larities in the administration of the nydro system. The expense account rendered by Mr. Gaby in connection with his trip to England and France in 1913 showed that five overcoats, four pair of motor goggles, a thermos kit and flasks, were purchased by him and charged to the hydro com-

Hotel bills for his party and others were charged to the commission.
The party included Mr. Gaby's
brother and another hydro official.
That labor of hydro engineers went
into the construction of Mr. Gaby's house was admitted by hydro auditors on the staff.

Work On Gaby's House.

Copies of Mr. Gaby's account showing that services of hydro officials had been charged as en-gineering expense when labor was actually done on the home of Mr.

The total of these amounts, which The total of these amounts, which were small, amounted to \$40.25.

Settell charged that \$5,000 worth of hydro materials and labor had been used in the house. Other statements were produced, showing that in the following year Mr. Gaby had paid the hydro \$248 for wiring his house and \$139 for work upon a septic tank.

For the rest of the day, the feature For the rest of the day, the feature was principally the refusal of Settell to testify further for the probe, declaring that he was acting under the instructions of his counsel, R. H. Greer, K.C., who had just returned to the city.

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This attitude was strongly resented by Judge Snider as an attempt to force the crown to allow Settell his freedom without bail until his trial under the threat that his testimony would not otherwise be available to the inquiry. His honor stated that such a plan would not succeed and that, were Settell not willing to testify, the probe would proceed on the basis of his statement given at Hamilton. On Settell's behalf, accordingly, objection was taken to the use of this statement on the ground that it had been taken when Settell had been under great mental stress. had been under great mental stress, and without Settell having opportunity to secure the advice of counsel. Note was taken of the objection.

Use of Cars. The use of hydro motor cars by the staff for personal purposes was again prominent in the day's evidence. It prominent in the day's evidence. It was explained that prior to 1921 the use of hydro cars had been upon such a basis that it had been possible for officials to use them for personal purposes at nights or on holidays. Conditions were, however, declared to have been since changed so that more vigorous check was now kept.

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tell, put in an appearance at the investigation late this afternoon and spoke a few plain words to Judge Snider, the commissioner.

"I see you made the suggestion to day that my advice to Settell not to answer any more questions is an at-tempt to block the inquiry," began Mr. Greer. "Such a statement is not

necessary at all." Judge Snider denied tha the interpretation to be put upon his remarks, and said that his insinuation was that it was an attempt or the part of Sette' to get out without bail. This did not appease Mr. Greer, who was very indignant, and who told the judge that that was not the right position to take in re-

gard to a man in custody on a seri ous charge.

Judge Snider: "I did not take any such position, and you have no light to say that."

Mr. Greer: "It is said anyway, and that is my view of the matter."

Judge Snider: "We don't want
your views or your advice on any-

Mr. Greer: "Well, you have it, and I give it voluntarily."

Will Raise Bail. Mr. Greer held a consultation with Settell in the corridor and arranged send to Montreal at once for his mother, that bail proceedings may be proceeded with at Hamilton as soon as possible. If the \$15,000 bail de-manded can be raised, and Settell assured his counsel that it could. when the inquiry resumes next Tuesday, Settell will be out of cus-

Just before the commission ros this evening Judge Snider asked Mr Brewster, his counsel, to "go and see the attorney-general and advise him that I see no justification for providing counsel for Settell until such time as he is ready to give evidence."

"I made the recommendation that his counsel should be paid for by the government,", continued the judge, "but it would not be fair to continue it. He is not doing any thing to help us."

Grote Stirling Is Leading in By-election With Majority of 419.

Vernon, B.C., Nov. 6.—Yale constituency remains in the Conservative column, Grote Stirling, the Conservative, having defeated Daniel W. Sutherland, his Liberal opponent, in

eight small polls missing at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Stirling had a majority of 419. One hundred and two polls out of

In the last election the late J. A. MacKelvie defeated Mr. Sutherland by a majority of 542.

The largest centers went as follows: Kelowna city—Stirling, Con-servative, 648; Sutherland, Liberal,

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