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June 13, 1931.

Mr. Arthur Ellis, K. C.,
Royal Bank Chambers,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am sincerely thankful to you for your very kind message of 12th June. It is my earnest hope to do some useful work on the Hydro Commission and vindicate the good opinion of those who have expressed their pleasure at the appointment.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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June 12th,1931.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
57 Castle Frank Crescent,
Toronto, Ont.

Honourable Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution passed by the Public Utilities Commission of Galt at a meeting held on the 10th inst., and can assure you that this resolution expresses the feelings of our commission regarding the Honourable Mr.Henry's choice to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr.C.A.Magrath from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Yours respectfully,

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION of GALT,

A.B. Scott

ABS. Secretary.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Moved by Com.G.Hancock,

Seconded by Acting Mayor McKay,

"That this commission convey to the Right Hon.Arthur Meighen their sincere congratulations on the occasion of his appointment to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and their genuine confidence that with the firm stand he has already taken in regard to public ownership, coupled with his outstanding ability and very wide experience in public affairs, he is particularly fitted to fill this very important position in an organization than which there is none more important, nor one which can contribute more to the prosperity and success of this part of the Dominion of Canada."

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June 16, 1931.

A. B. Scott, Esq.,
Secretary,
Public Utilities Commission,
Galt, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have your letter of 12th, and thank you warmly for the very kind expression of good will which it contains. May I ask you also to convey to the Public Utilities Commission at Galt my very sincere appreciation of the congratulatory resolution which they have passed. It is my earnest hope to be of help in this great organization.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hon Arthur Meighen
Toronto
Ontario

Dear Mr Meighen
At once on reading in the press of your going on the Hydro, I wished to offer my hearty congratulations. Possibly it does not mean much to you, but Mrs Wyllie and myself have always been most ardent and impassioned advocates of "Meighen is needed" in Canadian affairs. I think you saw that from our brief acquaintance in Ottawa and at Markham.

I am conducting a very good weekly paper for the County in Henry's riding, plan a national weekly and many other things as opportunity permits. But my concern just now is for my son, Gordon, who has just recovered from a fractured leg last June while with the Bell Telephone. I spoke to Mr Henry and Cooke and both held out high hopes of placing him in a position with Hydro where he could work up to a position worth while. He is 20 yrs of age, perfectly reliable and well liked by all with whom he has worked. The slump led the Bell to lay off about all their toll workers and he with hundreds of others was let out until further notice. He is very interested in electrical work and has made some advance while with the Bell in their special course.

I would very much appreciate it if you will give this matter your personal attention and remind Mr Cooke. At Mr Cooke's suggestion Gordon wrote to him in application and I would like to see him get a start very soon in some position, however humble, where his attention and work would bring about promotion.

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I realize your many calls but am sure you will not overlook this act of helpfulness. The turning wheels of fortune may enable me to return manyfold your courtesy.

Very Sincerely:

June 13-31

E. Burnham Wyllie

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June 15, 1931.

E. Burnham Wyllie, Esq.,
Manager & Editor,
The York Publishing Co. Ltd.,
Birch Cliff, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wyllie:

I have your letter of 13th.

Of course, I have just taken office as a Commissioner and know very little as yet of the organization. I shall, however, as you request, have pleasure in speaking to Mr. Cooke on behalf of your son and will do so at the very earliest opportunity.

Yours very truly,

AH/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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OFFICE OF
THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS
OTTAWA, CANADA

June 15th, 1931.

Personal.

My dear Arthur:

It is a real pleasure to me to pass on to you my most sincere congratulations on your appointment to the Hydro Commission, but at the same time I believe also that the Ontario Government should be congratulated as well.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Bob

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
801-811, 68 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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June 15, 1931.

Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion,
Minister of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Bob:

Thanks very much indeed for your kind note. This appointment is about the only one I know of that I could take consistent with the discharge of my present duties which I certainly cannot leave at this time.

Very kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

AW/E.

Arthur Meighen

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840 Hastings St. West
Vancouver, Canada.

June 15th, 1931.

Honourable Arthur Meighen,
C/o Canadian General Securities,
TORONTO, ONT.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

We note with pleasure that you have been appointed a member of the Ontario Hydro Commission.

Please accept our hearty congratulations and all good wishes. We know that Ontario's Hydro affairs will be safe in your hands.

Yours faithfully,
ROYAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION LIMITED.

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June 22, 1931.

E. B. McDermid, Esq.,
Managing Director,
Royal Financial Corporation Ltd.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. McDermid:

I am sincerely thankful to you for your very kind message of 15th June. It is my earnest hope to do some useful work on the Hydro Commission and vindicate the good opinion of those who have expressed their pleasure at the appointment.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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June 16th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur W. Meighen,
Commissioner, Hydro Electric Power
Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have much pleasure in enclosing general programme of our Summer Convention, together with Official Invitation and Agenda for the meeting of Commissioners.

I trust you may find it convenient to attend our Convention, as it will be an excellent opportunity for yourself and the representatives of the Municipalities distributing Hydro to become better acquainted.

May I add my personal appreciation of your acceptance of a position on the Ontario Commission as I realise, perhaps better than many, the amount of work the position entails, but I feel that I can assure you that in addition to the confidence of the Government you also have the confidence of the Municipalities, and their united co-operation in this work.

Sincerely yours,

T. J. Hannigan

Secretary.

TJH/KC.

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June 17, 1931.

T. J. Hannigan, Esq.,
Secretary,
Ontario Municipal Electric Association,
Guelph, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hannigan:

I have your letter of 16th and thank you for sending me the programme of the Summer Convention of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association. I expect to be present in Ottawa next week at the Convention.

Please accept an expression of my sincere appreciation of your good wishes on the occasion of my appointment to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. I earnestly hope to be of value to this Commission and intend to give to it all the time and energy possible.

With sincerest thanks,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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TORONTO, ONT. June 17,1931

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
c/o London & Western Trusts Co. Ltd.,
219 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

We note that you have been appointed to the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission Board. We understand the Hydro are having Plans made for a building on Carlton Street and as you are the Vice-President of the London Western Trust Co. who are the Trustees of the Plaza Bldg., Bloor Street and Avenue Rd., would it not be possible to have them take over this building in place of building a new one. This would be a better location than on Carlton Street where the people will be going to take in the Sports and not for business.

You are aware, no doubt, that they have lost nearly Six hundred thousand dollars of revenue in the Plaza building during the last two years, while the Liens on the building amounted to approximately One hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The reason we are so interested in the completion of the building is the fact that we have a Lien Judgment for over one half of the Lien Judgments and we have also ordered all the completion material for the building besides what the Lien covers. All this has been held in storage for the last two years and they could hold us to our orders if they wished to.

We trust you will see what can be done with regards to having the Hydro take over this building or get it in a position that it would be revenue producing.

Yours very truly,
H. GRIFFITHS & COMPANY.

HG/S. Per. H Griffiths

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Hydro
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June 19, 1931.

Messrs. H. Griffiths & Company,
1128 College Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

I have your letter of 17th. This matter will receive attention at the earliest date. I have no personal knowledge of the proposition to which you call my attention.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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June 23, 1931.

H. Griffiths, Esq.,
1128 College St.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Further to your letter of 17th June, I find that the subject matter thereof is entirely under the charge of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission, 225 Yonge Street, of which Mr. Ashworth is General Manager. Apparently the Ontario Hydro-Electric has no jurisdiction.

Yours very truly,

AW/E.

Arthur Meighen

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CANADA PACKERS LIMITED

TORONTO, CANADA

17th. June, 1931.

PERSONAL

Rt.-Hon. Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
TORONTO 2.

My dear Arthur :

Canadian Gas & Equipment Limited is a Subsidiary of The Harris Abattoir Co., Limited. It manufactures and sells Oxygen and Acetylene Gas, which is used for welding purposes. (It got into this business by reason of the fact that Hydrogen is required for the treatment of Edible Oils, and Oxygen is produced as a by-product in the making of Hydrogen.)

The Ontario Hydro Electric Commission purchase a considerable quantity of Oxygen and Acetylene. The Manager of our Gas Company informed me this morning that he is at present tendering on the requirements. (The practice is to make Contracts for the requirements once a year.) I understand that the matter is one which must come before the Commission. Therefore I am writing to you asking you to take an interest in the matter.

I have told our own people that the only basis on which I would ask you to favour our application is that our price is as low or lower than that of competing firms. The competition is pretty keen in the Gas business, and we would be very pleased to receive the Contract of the Hydro Electric Commission.

Yours faithfully,

JSM:M.

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June 18, 1931.

Mr. J. S. McLean,
President,
Canada Packers Limited,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Stanley:

I just have yours of 17th. You may depend upon it I will remember the contents, and am confident I can do what you request.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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WINONA, ONT.

June 20th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
57 Castle Frank Crescent,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I was telling you briefly over the telephone just now our situation here in regard to the discontinuance of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway service at the end of this month. I thought perhaps it would be well to go into it a little more in detail, as I understood from you that it had not been brought to your attention before.

This H. G. & B. road was put down in 1895 or '96 connecting with the two railway systems, the Grand Trunk at Winona, which is two miles distant, and the C. P. R. at Hamilton, about eight miles distant. We immediately commenced to build and to set up our business here. First the fruit business, shipping fruit to the Western Provinces and to the Maritimes and a little later building a Jam Factory and building up the largest Jam business in Canada with the exception of the consolidated Dominion Canners. This necessitates bringing in about fifty carloads of coal annually and for the factory, bringing in sugar syrup and glucose in tank cars, the equipment for using which has cost us a lot of money.

Now, with this service discontinued, we would be compelled to truck our coal from Winona, two miles, as there is no question about keeping up connection with the C.P.R. at Hamilton, the distance is too great, and we would be compelled to get our glucose and sugar syrup also in by truck which would necessitate the construction or purchase

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of tank trucks, all which entails very considerable expense.

Besides all this, of course, is the fruit business and the nursery business in the spring when we ship out and bring in a great many carloads of nursery stock. Our total shipments over the two roads in carload lots run about three hundred cars a year or an average of one car a day, winter and summer.

Now the natural thing for us to do is, of course, to retain the connection with the Grand Trunk which, Mr. Robinson the engineer of the Electric Railway Department of the Hydro-Electric Commission says is two miles and a quarter, counting all the switches. These two and one-quarter miles consist of about one mile directly East along the Highway, the track running along side the highway, then it turns to the left directly north and crosses farms to the Grand Trunk station about five-eighths of a mile; the remainder of the two and one-quarter miles, evidently, being switches.

It is to be pointed out that the Canadian National Railway owns half of all the tracks from the C.N.R. station up to the highway, leaving only the other half and the one mile along the highway owned by the Hydro-Electric Commission.

Now the best solution and the most economical solution of our difficulties is for us to obtain this switch of two and one-quarter miles, buy a gasoline engine and pull the cars back and forth at our own expense,

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making such an arrangement as we can with the Canadian National. In regard to this arrangement with the Canadian National, they are not disposed to give us anything like what they previously gave the H. G. & B. Railway for this service, their argument being the very cold-blooded one, that when they made the arrangement with the H. G. & B. previously to give them a certain percentage of the receipts from the traffic, they were forced to make this arrangement because the Canadian Pacific were willing to do it from Hamilton down, but now that the Canadian Pacific is out of the picture they, the Canadian National, are not obliged to give us anything but, considerately, they are willing to give us something but what they are willing to give we haven't decided upon. We are awaiting the decision of the Hydro-Electric Commission as to what they would charge us for that portion of the switch which they own between our factory and the Canadian National station. This has been post-poned from time to time until today when Mr. Robinson came over for the third or fourth interview and we tried to discuss and come to a decision but we were so far apart we were unable to do anything.

We think, in the first place, that the Hydro-Electric Commission, as successors of the H. G. & B. Railway Company, ought to give us this switch free of charge but since they would not do that, they at any rate ought to sell it at an extremely low figure. Mr. Robinson said they were willing to give it to us at scrap value but he estimated that as seven or eight thousand dollars. Our best information is that after paying for the cost of taking up the track and selling the rails, the Company could get no more than a thousand dollars of net profit out of it and we are willing to pay a thousand dollars. Mr. Robinson says that it is impossible but he will lay the matter before your Board on Monday and let us know by Monday night as they are now anxious to close up and it will

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Rt. Honl Arthur Meighan - 4.

take a considerable time for us to, first of all, obtain the consent of the Provincial Government to the use of the road, secondly, to come to an agreement with the Canadian National and, thirdly, to obtain the best possible price for a gasoline engine.

This being the situation which you knew nothing about, I presume and understood you to say, until I called you up, I thought it only fair and just that you should know all these particulars and from our point of view and we trust that with your broad-minded outlook upon affairs you may be able to convince the other members of the Board, if they are not already convinced, that we should have, under the circumstances, extremely favourable consideration. This comes too at a time when we are not making any money. The depression has hit us as well as most everybody else and though we will come through all right, we have not made anything for the last two years and do not expect to make anything this year, so it is 'piling Pelion on Ossa' to compel us at this time to spend a lot more on Capital Account.

Yours most sincerely,

E. D. Smith

President,
E. D. Smith & Sons, Limited.

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June 23, 1931.

Senator E. D. Smith,
Winona, Ontario.

Dear Senator Smith:

I have your letter of 20th. As stated over the 'phone to-day, the subject was brought up at the meeting by myself, and I feel very confident that the Commission is disposed to deal in the fairest possible way with you, and the matter is entirely under the charge of the Chief Engineers' Department.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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June 19, 1931.

W. W. Pope, Esq.,
Secretary,
Hydro Electric Power System,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Pope:

Enclosed herewith is letter dated June 17th from Messrs. H. Griffiths & Company. Mr. Meighen would like you to advise him as to what reply should be made.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Enl.

Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Office of the Chairman

Charles A. Magrath, CHAIRMAN
Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.P.P. COMMISSIONER
C. Alfred Maguire, COMMISSIONER
W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2.

June 22nd, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I must apologize for opening the enclosed letter. I had asked Mr. Christie to let me have copies for my files, and seeing the Beauharnois crest, I concluded it was for me. If I had not been expecting these documents I would have exercised more care before opening the envelope. Apparently Mr. Christie misunderstood my message, but I have taken the liberty of having copies made of the memoranda so that my files may be complete. I trust you will accept my apology and approve of the action I have taken.

Yours very truly,

Janet McDowall

Chairman's Secretary.

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Charles A. Magrath, CHAIRMAN
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June 22nd, 1931

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
TORONTO.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith I return communication from H. Griffiths, enclosed with a communication from your Secretary dated June 19th.

This is a matter resting entirely with the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission, 225 Yonge Street, of which Mr. E. M. Ashworth is General Manager. It would be necessary to take this matter up with that Body.

Yours truly,

W. W. Pope

SECRETARY

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"The Rectory,"

Renfrew, June 22nd, 1931.

To

Right Honorable Arthur Meighen,

Toronto, Ontario.

Right honorable and dear Sir;-

It was with feelings of great joy that I with a countless host of Canadians read of your appointment to the Hydro Commission. How often your name has been mentioned and the manifold details of various matters in the past have been discussed by friends, and the hope that some time you would again enter into the arena of public work, is scarcely necessary for me to mention. Now that you have decided to accept the position on the Hydro Commission is a great joy to many, and one feels quite confident that the manifold duties of your office, in company with others on the Commission, is in perfectly safe hands, and the mark of a slight recognition of your valuable services is a source of gladness to your many friends.

Very faithfully yours,

Rev. Canon

(Canon) A. McQuarterman

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June 23, 1931.

Miss J. McDowall,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2, Ont.

Dear Miss McDowall:

Mr. Meighen has asked me to acknowledge your letter of June 22nd with enclosures from Mr. Christie. He had no objection at all to your making copies for your files, and is very grateful indeed for the trouble you have taken.

I, too, wish to thank you very much for your kindness in locating these papers, and will file them away very carefully this time, for future reference.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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Charles A. Magrath, CHAIRMAN
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W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Office of the Secretary

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190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2

June 25th, 1931

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith I am sending you a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission Pension Fund, for your information. You will find the authority for this set out in the R.S.O., 1927, Chapter 60, also the right of the Commission to extend this insurance to municipalities taking power from the Commission. There are no amendments to this Act but it has been worked out by a Committee appointed purposely and after a long series of conferences it is now in practical shape and being taken advantage of by a large number of municipalities. In this connection I am also enclosing a copy of the standard agreement which is entered into between each municipality and the various Insurance Companies therein named. Attached to this blank agreement is a copy of the policy that is issued.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Rules and Regulations respecting inside wiring: Outside wiring has been under consideration for some time but, as yet, nodefinite regulations have been

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen - Toronto

passed respecting it.

Mr. F. C. S. Evans, of the Legal Department, has been in charge of Pension and Insurance matters, under the General Solicitor, and can give you any further information you desire respecting that branch of the Commission's activities.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY

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June 29, 1931.

Rev. Canon W. M. H. Quartermaine,
"The Rectory",
Renfrew, Ontario.

My dear Canon Quartermaine:

I am sincerely thankful to you for your very kind message of 22nd. It is my earnest hope to do some useful work on the Hydro Commission and vindicate the good opinion of those who have expressed their pleasure at the appointment.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Belleville, Ont., June 27th, 1931.

Strictly Confidential.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
Hydro Commission Office,
University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighan:-

I was in hopes that I would have seen you at the Convention at the Royal York on the 24th but I believe you were attending the Hydro Convention in Ottawa.

What I wish to call your attention to is this: Two of our Hydro Commissioners are Liberals and the Manager, Mr. Scott, is playing directly into their hands. We have had some pretty hot times here over certain things and the part that I strongly object to is that the reduction of rates was not granted April the first. A year ago it was granted April 1st and in my opinion it is being held up so that the reduction will come about the time of our election, which is being held the first Monday in December, to boost Mr. Charles E. Hanna again for Hydro Commissioner.

I have written a personal letter to the Hon. J.R. Cooke along this line but so far I have not heard from him or of it but let me tell you, Hon. Mr. Meighan, they are playing politics. You know who Charles E. Hanna is and there is someone in the Hydro Office in Toronto who is working very nicely with the Liberal Party

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Belleville.

Hon. A. M., - 2 -

and I think I know who it is and if I were talking to you I would tell you.

I hope you will look into this condition and if we are going to have the rates lowered, please have it done at once so they cannot make a boast of it just at election time.

I hope you will treat this confidentially and wishing you every success in your new position,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Geo Reid

GAR/LAM

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June 30, 1931.

Mr. Geo. A Reid,
Belleville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Reid:

I have your letter of 27th. Have already spoken to the Hon. Mr. Cooke on the subject, and find that he has communicated the facts regarding it to you personally over the telephone. I am quite sure you may be certain that the Commission is not yielding to political influences in any way. It is our firm determination that this shall not be the case. It is impossible, however, that everything shall so transpire as to be in all places correctly interpreted.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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OFFICE OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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CORNWALL, ONT. June 29thk1931.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Right Honourable Sir:--

I am about to describe to you a case in connection with the Hydro Electric System for your consideration, and would earnestly ask you to do what you can in the premises.

One J. Alton Robertson some six years ago, while a young man, was working for the Hydro Electric system, and while adjusting a heavy voltage wire on a pole near Cornwall, he received a shock which caused such damages by burning that he lost his right leg above the knee and left arm close to the shoulder, as from an operation of amputation in both cases. At the same time, he received a terrible shock to his nervous system which ultimately resulted in damage to both eyes producing a traumatic cataract to the right eye which he had removed with very poor results. The only eye he has left now is impaired. As well as that, the nerve supply to the teeth were involved in the shock rendering the loss of the teeth in the upper jaw. You can readily understand what position this young man is in.

He is at present in a minor job in your employ at Belleville, and I may say that owing to the meagre salary he was obtaining at the time of the accident, and according to the Workmen's Compensation Act of Ontario, he was only entitled to receive as a pension a permanent disability of 66% of the pay he was receiving at the time of the accident. This is absolutely inadequate for a man in the condition he is in, and while I feel that we cannot appeal to the Workmen's Compensation Board because they have acted in accordance with the laws of the Compensation, I have decided to appeal to you on compassionate grounds to see if the Commission could not see fit to increase what this man is getting so that he would receive a monthly allowance of $100. He has to pay for travelling expenses and great difficulty without help in dressing and undressing, and otherwise taking care of himself, and I feel confident that I can apply to you for consideration to such a worthy case as this.

I may say in passing that he belongs to an army of stalwarts on our side, and was one of your best supporters in the days that you were in a public position. I know your influence will be great where you are, and I feel confident that you will do what you think is right and proper in the premises, taking into consideration all the surrounding facts.

Kindly at your convenience let me hear from you, and with very best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

J. Hamilton

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July 3, 1931.

Dr. J. Hamilton,
Cornwall, Ont.

Dear Dr. Hamilton:

I have your letter of June 29th written on behalf of Mr. J. Alton Robertson. I will look into this matter at once. All these questions are surrounded by difficulty because of the danger of precedent, but in view of what you say on his behalf, I will see whether or not it is possible to meet in any way the request you make.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

Wrote Mr. F.G. Galey re the above.

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Hydro 129257

July 4, 1931.

F. A. Gaby, Esq.,
Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Attached is extract from letter received from Dr. J. Hamilton of Cornwall insofar as referring to J. Alton Robertson in the employ of the Hydro at that point. I send same for your consideration and will speak to you on the subject at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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As from 129258
Bank of Montreal,
6, place Vendôme
Paris, France, July 2, 1906.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I've just heard from mother of your appointment, and hasten to add one more word to the chorus of pleasure that she tells me it has everywhere evoked. I can't imagine anything more appropriate. That, and warm congratulations to the Ontario Govt., are, I fancy, the dominant notes in comment at home as they are in my own mind. The position will mean for you much anxiety and incredible amounts of hard work, with perhaps not much thanks for the cost of it. But

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the people of Ontario are in luck. I hope they realize, and will continue to realize, how much in luck.

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Please excuse this dreadful paper, and my intrusion at so busy a time. I know from previous experience how punctilious you are about answering notes of this kind, and that knowledge almost stayed my hand this time. But I hope you will break the rule, for once; send no word, but reserve it for some time in the winter when I hope to visit Toronto, and very much hope you can spare a few minutes to see me.

Very best wishes to you and Mrs. Meighen and the family.

Yours sincerely
Eugene Forsey

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Ontario Hydro-Electric Club

190 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
TORONTO
July 4, 1931.

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
190 University Ave.,

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by the Executive Committee of the Ontario Hydro Electric Club to draw your attention to our 10th Annual Picnic to be held on July 7th,1931 at Lakeside Park,Port Dalhousie.Last year we had an attendance of over 1600 and we hope this year to equal or surpass this record.

The executive would deem it a favour if you could join us on this our annual outing. Thanking you in anticipation, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

A H Barber

Enc.

Secretary.

Answered
July 10

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July 6, 1931.

Mr. A. H. Barber,
Ontario Hydro-Electric Club,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 4th enclosing tickets for your Club Picnic to be held tomorrow. I regret very much having received this notice so late that it is now impossible for me to arrange to attend. The tickets are returned.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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WALKERTON, JULY 3rd 1931. 129262

HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN,
HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER,
T O R O N T O,
Ontario.

My dear Sir,-

Referring to my conversation with you last week when you requested me to write to you my views in regard to the Hydro situation in Bruce County.

You know that Robertson and Rowland, and their families owned the Electric Light service here since 1894 and 1896, being The Walkerton Electric Light Co. at Walkerton, and the Saugeen Electric Light Co. at Southampton. These Companies generated Electric currents, one at Walkerton, supplying currents for Walkerton, Mildmay and Formosa in the Southern part of the County of Bruce, the other Company supplied Southampton and Port Elgin in the northern part of the said County. The Mildmay Co. and Formosa Company were independent Companies and contracted for currents to be supplied from Walkerton and carried the same by their poles and wires to their respective Villages.

In 1927 the Walkerton and the Saugeen Companies sold out to the "Public Utilities Co. (Messes Foshay and Co.) and that Company continued to supply currents to Mildmay and Formosa Companies. The Public Utilities Co. ran a wire from Walkerton to Southampton connecting the two plants and also to Cargill, and they entered into agreement to purchase the respective plants of Mildmay , Formosa and Cargill at different amounts.

When the Public Utilities sold to the Ontario Electric Commission, I understand that the Hydro Commission agreed to carry out the said contracts entered into with the Mildmay and Formosa and Cargill Companies, and I understand they deducted $10,000.00, from the (Public Utilities) to cover any loss the said Commission might sustain by reason of the prices paid for these contracts being more than the Commission thought these respective plants were worth to (said Commission)

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Mr. Lucas K.C. afterwards came to Walkerton, and met the representatives of said three Companies and stated, that while he could not enter into an absolute contract with them, yet he was satisfied that the Commission would carry out the Contracts and purchase from the respective Companies. This was over four months ago, but nothing has been done by the Commission to carry out the purchase,but on the contrary the Commission has given Notice,to the Mildmay and Formosa Companies, that in future (the price they will have to pay for service will be considerably more than that charged by the Walkerton and Public Utilities Companies. This is, I think unfair.

The lines of these Companies continually requiring repairs to keep them up to a proper standard.

With the prospect of them being taken over by the Hydro Commission,so you can readily understand that the Directors hesitate in making large improvements.

I think the Commission is in honor bound to carry out the Foshay Company's contract with these three Companies.

Yours truly, John Rowland

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July 8, 1931.

Mr. John Rowland,
Walkerton, Ont.

Dear Mr. Rowland:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 3rd, which I have read with care. I am glad to have these facts as they will assist me when the matter comes before the Commission.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
Apartment 3,
200 Friel Street,
July 7th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Will you please oblige me very much by settling a point for me.

If there was a very grave mistake made in a Hydro bill - that it was about a year's size instead of a couple of months - and they would not change it.

Then I wrote to your Hydro and one of your Chief Accountants, I think the Chief, sent down East where I am in summer and looked into it and wrote and told me to pay the amount he mentioned - which was not half the amount the local Hydro had charged. And I did that - to himself, and he turned it over.

Now, is that bill paid in full? Do I have to pay the first account? I had it turned off till I find out. I cannot afford anything so extravagant and I want to know and so do the neighbors. It does look queer, that they handed me one bill and the accountant another.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very truly,

Mabel McIntosh

(Miss Mabel McIntosh)
Apartment 3,
200 Friel St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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July 8, 1931.

Secretary,
F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Would you be good enough to have the attached letter referred to the appropriate engineer and memo sent me, enabling me to reply?

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Meet Hydro Meeting

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House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA,
July
Eighth,
1 9 3 1.

Honourable Arthur Meighan,
T O R O N T O, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighan:

I was, indeed, delighted when I heard of your appointment to the Hydro Commission. While it means so much to Ontario, yet, we would much prefer seeing you in connection with something of a National character.

The friends here are unanimous in saying that if the Hydro will ever succeed, it has now the greatest chance in its existence.

My next paragraph is in connection with a friend of mine, who lives at Arnprior; and, whose farm borders on the Madawaska River. All the power in connection with this river, with exception of this small one and the McLaughlin interests, who are located at the confluence of the Ottawa and Madawaska, are now controlled by your Board. The owner, site of which I speak, is Mr. John Havey. He is very anxious to dispose of it. I understand it means at least 2,000 H.P.

Mr. Dunlop advised me a few days ago that your Commission intended sending an Engineer to look over the ground. If this case comes before your Board, you would do me a very great personal favor by urging on the Commission the necessity of procuring Havey's site.

Very sincerely yours,

M J Maloney

DR.M.J.MALONEY, M.P.
Renfrew South.

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July 9th, 1931.

Hydro

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Hydro Commissioner,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

The Executive of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association wishes to extend to you the sincere thanks and appreciation of the members of our Organization for your kindness in coming to our Convention at Ottawa, taking part in our deliberations, and addressing our delegates.

We realise this meant a considerable sacrifice of time for one whose duties are as heavy as yours are, but we also believe that the effect of your co-operation had a very distinct value in the results of the recent Convention.

Again thanking you, and trusting that we may be again honoured with your presence at future Conventions, I am,

Sincerely yours,

T. J. Hannigan
SECRETARY.

TJH/KC.

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July 10, 1931.

Dr. M. J. Maloney, M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Dr. Maloney:

I have your letter of 8th and thank you very much for your good words.

As regards Mr. Havey's power site on the Madawaska, I will keep carefully in mind what you say, and at the first opportunity will make enquiry.

Kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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82 Garside Ave
Hamilton
Ontario
Canada
July 13th 1931

To
The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen,
National Building
Toronto,

Dear Sir,

I am sure you will hardly remember me, but I was employed by you during the years 1912-1913 when you were in Portage-la-Prairie, and I am taking the liberty of writing to you now to ask if you could assist my husband to obtain a better position than the one he has at the present time.

He is employed by the Hamilton Hydro as an operator on the Street Railway and has been with the Hamilton Street Railway since 1913 except for the period of the War when he was overseas.

Since the One-Man-Cars have come into operation he has had to go back on what

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is called the Spare List and it leaves his work very uncertain, some days he only gets two or three hours and others he gets a full days work. but the two and three hour days are in the majority. and it has meant a reduction of almost forty dollars in his wages per month, and that means a lot when you have five children to support and a home to pay for.
When the next lot of One Man Cars start on September the first it will be even worse than it is now, as a lot more men will be added to the Spare List and of course the more men on the list the less work there is for each.
My husband is in receipt of a Disability pension of 30% as he suffers from Chronic Bronchitis contracted Overseas so he is not fit for hard manual Labour
Now as regards character and reliability I wish to refer you to Mr Geo. E. Waller the General manager of the Street Railway or his Secretary as they have both known him personally for the last eighteen years.
So trusting that you may be able to help him.

I remain dear Sir,
yours respectfully,
Mrs Albert Doyle. (nee Saidie Mc Grath)

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82 Garside Ave
Hamilton
Ontario
July 13th 1931.

Dear Mr Meighen,

I am sending you the enclosed letter as requested, I hope it is what you meant and that you will be able to help us. I dont mind if the wages are not high so long as the job is steady and that it is not working half the night, at the present time he is out early and late, and then sometimes only for an hour and a half at a time. I am enclosing these snaps of my family so you can see what they are like my oldest boy is 16½ years, and the baby is sixteen months. I did not want to mention the snaps in the other letter owing to you saying you wanted to file it.

Now dear Mr Meighen kindly remember me to Mrs Meighen and the children, and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you sometime in Hamilton.

I remain
very sincerely yours
Sadie Doyle,

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July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Albert Doyle,
82 Garside Ave.,
Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Saidie:

I received your letter of July 13th. This is in the form that I wanted it and I will take it up at once with the management.

I may say a delegation of the workmen came down last week and saw the Board. It is a very hard situation and very difficult for the Board to do anything, because the passengers carried do not warrant the expenditures now being made. However, if anything is possible, it will be done.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Personal

July 16, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
400 National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:--

I have two or three matters of some importance which I would like to discuss with you within the next few days. One concerns some business of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, and the other is of a different nature. I would therefore very much appreciate your courtesy if you could arrange an appointment for me at your office, of from twenty minutes to a half-hour, some time between now and Monday afternoon next, July 20th--some time on Monday preferred. I will make it my business to suit your convenience. You might drop me a personal note to 603 Central Building, or you can reach me by phone at ADel. 1327.

Yours very truly,

G. M. Thompson

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July 17, 1931.

G. M. Thompson Esq.,
Central Building
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I have your letter of 16th. I would suggest that you 'phone me Monday morning and I will see what I can do that day.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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SAFETY IN INVESTMENTS IS THE FIRST CONSIDERATION

ERNEST W. WHITE
BOX 725
ST. MARYS, ONTARIO
PHONE 375

REPRESENTING
THE DOMINION SECURITIES CORPORATION, LIMITED.
INVESTMENT BANKERS
TORONTO MONTREAL LONDON, ENG.

OFFICE
ON THE PREMISES OF
THE WHITE & MAY CO., LIMITED

July 17, 1931.

Rt.Hon. Arthur Meighen

Canadian General Securities

347 Bay Street Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen;-

Our Mayor is writing to-day asking that you come to St.Marys, to place before our people the importance of proper Hydro financing.

I am writing to emphasize the fact that no one in the Dominion, in this town at any rate, would have the influence here that you would have, and it is so very important that this financing be put across.

I have not had direct contact with the Commissions financing here but I understand that each year there has been credited to Reserve an amount to take care of depreciation, and that this depreciation has been debitied each year to profit and loss, and each year the books have shown a profit, after this debit.

In this way $ 39000 reserve has been built up, yet this has not been built up as a cash balance in the bank, the funds so built up being used in operation. One of our councillors seems to think that this is not good finance. That a cash credit in the bank should have been built up for the full amount of this reserve, which of course would have involved the borrowing of $ 39000 for operation. Usually business men do not place funds out at 3% and borrow against that credit at 6% or 7%, and consequently I cannot see anything wrong with the accounting.

However now the time has come when it is necessary to use this reserve and as it will be disastrous if this does not carry, the Commission have asked you to help.

Sincerely yours

Ernest W. W.

P.S. I understand the town is to vote on the question.

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129277

July 20, 1931.

E. W. White, Esq.,
St. Marys,
Ontario.

Dear Ed. :

I have your letter of the 17th.

I will take up the matter to which you refer at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday. I am not sure that it is the policy of the Board to interfere in these matters in different municipalities. I quite appreciate your position.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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129278

July 25, 1931.

Ernest White, Esq.,
St. Marys,
Ontario.

Dear Ed :

After consulting with the Commission I think it would not be the part of wisdom on my part to go up and take part in the by-law contest in St. Marys.

The Commission feel that the by-law ought to carry and regret that circumstances have occurred necessitating the expense of submission to the people.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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Toronto, Ont. July 16th., 1931

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;-

Referring to our conversation of this morning regarding the purchase of Cedar poles by the Hydro Electric Power Commission.

As I explained to you I made two trips to Toronto late in 1930 seeking of portion of the business to be placed in N.B. but regret that although rather extensive purchases had been made I did not receive any portion of the business.

I also explained the rather unusual industrial situation we face in Miramichi N.B. We of course have the prevailing unemployment problem but in addition we have a much more serious situation brought about by the fact that from an industrial situation in which some fourteen sawmills were operating some few years ago we now face a situation in which but two are operating, and these two have but a cut of logs to carry through for one half a season. You can very well appreciate how difficult our situation is.

I am extremly anxious to receive a portion of the N.B. business so that I may be enabled to keep men employed, and I submit that rather than confine your purchases to one shipper that a much better distribution would be obtained if I could dispose of my poles, and thereby create employment in Miramichi where it is so badly needed.

At present I have approximately 5,000 pieces of a size suitable for Hydro requirements, ready for immediate shipment, and I am of the opinion that my prices already submitted are in line with other purchases.

I will deeply appreciate your assistance in this connection and wish to thank you most sincerely for the kindness of the interview this morning.

Yours respectfully,

J. L. O'Brien

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J. Leonard O'Brien,
South Nelson, N. B.

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July 23, 1931.

J. Leonard O'Brien, Esq.,
South Nelson, N.B.

Dear Mr. O'Brien :

I was interested in your letter of the 16th and have now had an opportunity of taking the matter up with Mr. Gaby.

In talking with the Board I have learned that they are endeavoring now to use Ontario poles to a larger extent than formerly as the Hydro is financed entirely on the credit of the Province of Ontario. However, they will still be buying some New Brunswick poles and the contracts are let in the Fall.

The information I get is that the poles you had at the time of the letting of the last contract were some left-overs from an American Company. This may or may not be correct, but in any event I find no disposition to shut you out and at the time the buying is being done next Fall it is stated you will be permitted to submit tenders. I find no disposition to give any monopoly to any pole contractor.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc. Chief Engineer

EASTERN ONTARIO SYSTEM
FIELD OFFICE

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Operating Department

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

DRAWER 40
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

July 16, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
TORONTO, Ont.

1931 EASTERN SYSTEM PICNIC

You are cordially invited to attend the annual picnic of the Eastern System of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, which will be held at Presqu'ile on Wednesday, July 22nd, 1931.

Yours truly,

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO,
EASTERN ONTARIO SYSTEM,

Per:

R. C. McElrath.

Secretary of Picnic Committee.

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July 23, 1931.

Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Eastern Ontario System,
Drawer 40,
Belleville, Ont.

Attention Mr. H. C. McElraith

Dear Mr. McElraith :

I received only on Monday your letter of July 16th inviting me to the picnic of the Eastern Ontario System, Hydro Electric Power Commission. The invitation was so late that it was impossible for me to arrange to go.

This is to express thanks for thinking of me and regret of my inability to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen

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Personal

603 Central Building,
Toronto, July 20, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
c/o Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:--

Relative to the output of the Campbellford Pulp Mill and the disposition of the same, which we discussed informally this afternoon, I am writing you further on the matter, as you have suggested.

In this connection, let me state, briefly, that through an associate who is in fairly close touch with this class of business, I have received an inquiry from a British firm which leads me to believe that I can negotiate a contract for the entire output of the Campbellford mill for a long term of years.

As you probably know, that mill has a capacity of approximately 30 tons of mechanical pulp per day. According to my information, this British firm will be prepared to take the entire 30 tons a day, 7 days in the week, for a period of five years at least, and, if the Hydro Commission were prepared to increase the capacity of the mill to 50 tons per day, I am of the belief that we can place this entire output for a similar period.

As you happen to be the only member of the Commission with whom I am personally acquainted, I am going to request that you place my proposition in a tentative way before the Commission at the earliest opportunity; and, if their price is a fair one and they are prepared to enter into a contract, I believe that a very satisfactory arrangement could be worked out. As this would be new business for the Commission and for Canada, I would think that the contract could be substantially increased in volume in the future, and in the meantime, if the Commission could undertake to increase the capacity of its Campbellford mill to 50 tons a day, the increase would mean considerable additional money spent among the settlers through the district in which the Commission secures the raw material for its Campbellford mill.

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The immediate request is for the lowest quotation on 30 tons per day, the entire output of the mill, and a statement as to whether or not the Hydro Commission would be prepared to increase that output to 50 tons per day. Price f.o.b. Canadian National car, Campbellford, on a five-year basis of contract with company of satisfactory standing, as per requirements of the Commission.

In the event of this contract being successfully negotiated and fulfilled, it is understood that the Hydro-Electric Commission shall protect myself and associate for an amount of at least 50 cents per ton, commission to be paid quarterly as per shipments, the Commission to enter into agreement to that effect.

I would thank you to place this matter before the Commission, and, assuming that the members thereof will be interested in this prospective new market for their product, I will be ready to go further into the matter at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

J. M. Thompson

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July 23, 1931.

G. M. Thompson, Esq.,
603 Central Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Thompson :

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th of July.

Will you kindly 'phone me about this matter at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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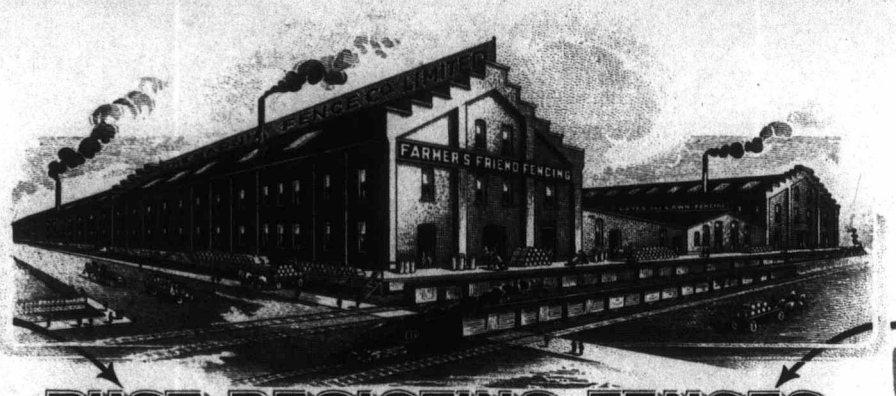

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The Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Commission,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I think you will remember me as the Creaghan who drove you through to Bathurst.

The Sarnia Fence Company which I represent do not get any of the fencing business from the Hydro Commission and I should be very much obliged if you would help us to obtain some of this business; at present I believe it all goes to the Frost Company.

I would like very much to call on you on my next trip to Toronto but in the meantime if you could put us on your favoured list I will have our local agent call on your purchasing department. Sorry to trouble you like this.

Yours very truly,

T.C. Creaghan

T.C. CREAGHAN.

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July 24, 1931.

T. C. Creaghan, Esq.,
The Sarnia Fence Co. Limited,
212 Keefer Bldg.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Creaghan :

I have your letter of the 23rd of July.

I do not know anything about the fence building which is done by the Hydro Commission but I presume they are endeavoring to maintain as far as possible Ontario industries inasmuch as the Hydro is financed entirely on Ontario credit. I would, therefore, think it better if the Sarnia Fence Company from the head office at Sarnia made an appeal for this business.

I certainly remember you and your family and will always feel indebted to you.

Yours very truly,

AM:K

Arthur Meighen

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July 23, 1931.

F. A. Gaby, Esq.,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby :

This is to refer to the conversation we had yesterday regarding J. Leonard O'Brien, South Nelson, N.B. and his desire to participate in pole contracts for the Hydro in that province.

I understand he will be permitted to quote prices, etc. on the whole or part of this year's business and this is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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July 23rd, 1931.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. F.A. BABY

Re: Mr. J.A. Robertson

Sir:-

Mr. J.A. Robertson while employed in the Operating Department, received an electrical shock and severe electrical burns while using a stataphone in testing insulators on November 2nd, 1925. He was resuscitated and received hospital and surgical treatment for his injuries. The burns were so severe that it was necessary to amputate his left arm and right leg and he has been fitted with artificial limbs. There also developed an eye involvement necessitating surgical interference which has left him with partial sight in his right eye and normal sight in left eye. His hospital care extended over a period of three years. Toward the end of this period he started a business course in Cornwall and after a break due to an operation on his eyes, completed this Course, being reimbursed by the Commission for the cost of the Course.

From the early treatment in hospital of Mr. Robertson an endeavour was made to find out what he could do after the surgical treatment was completed, and after going into various schemes for him to carry on his own business, he finally asked for a position with the Commission and early in 1929 was offered and accepted a position in the Stores Section of the Belleville office of the Operating Department for which work he is paid $65.00 per month, this being what the job is worth. He has been placed on pension for life by the Workmen's Compensation Board which amounts to $64.00 per month.

Recently, Mr. Robertson complained about a squint which had developed in his eye and we had him examined by Dr. Lowry who had previously attended to his eyes and after discussing the matter with the Consulting Surgeon, it was found advisable if possible to give Mr. Robertson some outdoor work as well as the indoor clerical work and in this regard we are advising the Operating Department and asking for their comments.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) Wills Maclachlan.

WM/GLM.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 5TH EDITION
190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

July 24th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to your communication of July 4th, in reference to Mr. J. Alton Robertson; I am enclosing herewith copy of report received from our Employees' Relations Department under date of July 23rd, from which you will note that a position was arranged for Mr. Robertson in our Belleville Stores, the same being suitable for his disability, and I am informed, after investigation, that the amount which we are at present paying him is all that the job is worth. You will further note that enquiries have been made as to the possibility of giving Mr. Robertson suitable outdoor work, as well as the indoor clerical work he is carrying on at the present time. If we can possibly do this, and any further work which we are able to give Mr. Robertson justifies additional compensation, no doubt we shall be glad to recommend same.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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25th July, 1931.

Alex. McDougall.
Rideau Club.
Ottawa, Ont.

HERE MONDAY GLAD TO SEE YOU.

Arthur Meighen.

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Mr. Meighen at Hydro and then at the National Trust. If Mr. Alex McDougall calls phone Mr. Meighen at Mr. McKinns Office after 4 o'clock.

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Harold D. Lang, B.A.L.L.B.
Barrister, Solicitor, Notary etc.
St. Marys, Ont.

July 17th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
c/o Canadian General Securities,
347 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Allow me to congratulate you on behalf of the citizens of St.Marys on your appointment as Commissioner of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. The people of this Town are without exception pleased .

As you are probably aware the Public Utilities Commission of St.Marys has applied to the H.E.P.C. for approval of a debenture issue of $25,000. This may or may not have been placed before the Commission yet but if not it will be in a few days. It is the intention of the Council of St.Marys to submit this to the property owners for their approval on the 10th day of August, 1931. Owing to the impossibility of obtaining a vote of three-quarters of the entire council as is the usual procedure there was no other course than to submit it to the people.

As this is a time of financial stringency there is a chance that this by-law might not carry in which case the local Commission would be in a very awkward position by reason of lack of funds for capital improvements . We feel that the public must be educated fully and intend to call a public meeting to explain the proposition. We are unanimously of the opinion that noone would have more influence than yourself and therefore on behalf of the local Commission I am extending you an invitation to come to St.Marys and speak at a public meeting on this question. Should you be able to accept I would suggest the 31st day of July and the 4th day of August as suitable dates.

Trusting that you will accept and that I may hear from you soon, I am

Yours Sincerely,
Harold D. Lang
Mayor of St.Marys.

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July 20, 1931.

H. D. Lang, Esq.,
St. Marys, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Lang :

I have your letter of the 17th.

The suggestion which you make will be given early consideration and I will advise you. I am not sure what the policy of the Board is as regards taking part in bringing about decisions of municipalities in these matters.

I will advise you later.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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July 25, 1931.

Harold D. Lang, Esq,
Mayor of St. Marys,
St. Marys, Ont.

Dear Mr. Lang :

I have your letter of the 17th.

I have discussed the matter with the C hairman of the Board and also with the Chief Engineer and the view they express is that there is no reason at all why the debenture issue should not be put out and they think it unfortunate that the expense of submission to the people is necessary.

At the same time, after reviewing the subject and all the circumstances I do not think it would be the part of wisdom for me to go up and take part in a controversy which appears to be pretty much of a local character. My doing so might not be well received by quite a section of the citizens. However, I sincerely trust the by-law will carry.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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July 20, 1931.

Private & Personal

Chas. E Richardson, Esq.,
St. Marys, Ontario.

Dear Charlie :

I am being invited by the Mayor of St. Marys to go up and speak in the town to try to get through a bill to raise $25,000 by a debenture issue on the local Hydro system.

I am not sure whether it is the policy of the Board to interfere in these matters in municipalities or not. Meantime, I would like your private opinion as to what you think I ought to do, giving me any relevant facts which come to your mind. This letter, of course, is confidential.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen

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ONTARIO

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

St. Marys, Ontario.

July 23, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Arthur:-

Your communication of July 20th to hand during my absence from the office for a day or two, hence the delay in answering.

I do not just know what to say in regard to the invitation extended to you by the Mayor of St. Marys to come to town and speak to the ratepayers, urging them to support a by-law to raise $25,000 by a debenture issue on the local Hydro system. Personally, I think it is a colossal nerve on his part in asking you to do so, and from what I can learn from the average citizens of the town, the by-law is going to get a very cool reception, which is very unfortunate, but I believe that the citizens generally are heartily sick of the present Commission and the present Town Council.

As a matter of fact, had it not been for one or two members of the Council, it would not have been necessary to have this by-law submitted, but in the meantime I am going to discuss the matter with three or four men, and as I expect to be in Toronto on Monday next, I will call at your office and go into this matter personally with you and give you some additional facts which I will obtain in the meantime. Of course, this matter will be kept absolutely confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

C. E. Richardson

O. Chas. E. Richardson.

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Hydro

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July 25, 1931.

Charles E. Richardson, Esq.,
St. Marys, Ontario.

Dear Charlie :

I have your letter of the 23rd and thank you very much for it.

Under the circumstances I have decided not to go up and interfere in this matter and have written the Mayor accordingly.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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July 23rd, 1931.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,

Hydro Electric Power Commissioner

Sir,

Herewith I beg to hand to you a chart showing the course of average prices of general commodities in England from 1818 to 1931, taken from the Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, April 24th, 1931. From a later edition it was learned that the Index stood at 76-1/2 on June 1st of this year. Because of your known studies of the subject I thought that the striking coincidence of the beginning of the severe depression 1873 - 1897 with the demonetisation of silver in the former year would be of interest to you and that possibly this chart has not previously come to your notice.

Your obedient servant

C H Van Ingen

Testing Engineer.

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129301

July 27, 1931.

C. H. Van Asperen, Esq.,
Testing Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
8 Strachan Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir :

Mr. Meighen has instructed me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 23rd, enclosing chart showing the course of average prices of general commodities in England from 1818 to 1931, which he has found very interesting.

Yours very truly,

K. Secretary to Mr. Meighen

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Apt. 3,
200 Freil Street,
Ottawa, July 27'31.

"G.F.D".

Hydro Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto.

Attention Mr. Meighen

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., I have no special case in mind.

What I wanted to know was, if a matter came to such a pass that it was referred to the Commission, who would have the final ruling, your Commission or the local concern.

Apologizing for troubling you, and hoping I am not asking too silly and womanish a question,

Yours very truly,

Mabel McIntosh

(Miss Mabel McIntosh)

P.S. I would prefer an answer under Mr. Meighen's signature, as Mr. Meighen's statements are, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. I merely wish an answer, yes, or no, and I sincerely apologize for requesting it.

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July 29, 1931.

Miss Mabel McIntosh,
Apt. 3.,
200 Freil St.,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Madam :

I have your letter addressed to the Hydro Commission dated July 27th.

Rates are set and enforced by the local Commission, not by the Hydro Commission of Ontario which sits in Toronto. The function of the Provincial Commission at Toronto is merely to approve of the rates before they become enforced.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

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J. LEONARD O'BRIEN
SOUTH NELSON, N. B.
CANADA

EASTERN CEDAR POLES
RAILWAY TIES
GENERAL FOREST PRODUCTS

July 24th., 1931

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;-

I have your letter of the 23rd., and I wish to thank you very much for the time you have given to the matter of cedar poles, in my behalf.

The information given you that my poles were leftover from an American contract is entirely wrong. Not only is it wrong but the fact remains that I was not permitted to get any business in connection with the fresh stock coming out of the woods during the past winter and for shipment during this summer, and which I now have on hand for sale. Even if the reason advanced were true the situation presently existing regarding my new stock rather upsets such a situation.

I wish to thank you very much for obtaining me the privilege to tender next fall but I am sure you will fully appreciate that such an arrangement is not very consoling at this time, with the large stock I have on hand. If I do not obtain orders for my stock at present in my yard it will be quite impossible for me to continue my operations in taking out more material, and as tenders accepted this fall would be for shipments one year hence it really will not relieve the situation. I do not wish to press this matter thereby causing you additional concern but I am sure you do wish to assist and if the Commission would but give me orders for shipment for even three thousand

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pieces duirng the next three months it would enable me to plan my operations for the coming winter. As the situation is now with this stock on hand I cannot employ men to take out more, and thus not only my own fortune is involved but also the welfare of my men.

In such extensive purchases possibly a quantity of three thousand pieces could be arranged and then with the privilege you have already obtained for me I would hope for regular business during 1932 thereby permitting my operations to be carried on without throwing more men out of employment.

I genuinely appreciate the time you have taken from your busy life so that others may have their problems adjusted and I sincerely hope that the suggestion I make in this letter will not too greatly take more of your time.

JLOB

Yours sincerely,

J. Lio. O'Brien

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August 1st, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re: Communication from J. Leonard O'Brien, South Nelson, N.B. - Cedar Poles.

I am in receipt of your communication of July 30th, together with the enclosed letter received by you from J. Leonard O'Brien under date of July 24th, in regard to cedar poles.

I have looked thoroughly into the pole situation and find that our requirements for the present year have been provided for and it is our expectation that there will be an excess of poles on our hands at the end of the year, in addition to which the Commission purchased last Fall some 18,000 Red and Jack Pine poles, which will be creosoted shortly and will be available for next year's requirements.

Owing to existing conditions we cannot recommend the placing of any further orders for cedar poles at this time.

I am returning Mr. O'Brien's letter herewith.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Gaby.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

per B.E.F.

ENCLOSURE

Dictated but not read.

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August 4, 1931.

Hon. J. Leonard O'Brien,
South Nelson, N. B.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

After receiving your letter of 24th, I again took up the matter with Mr. Gaby and definite enquiries were made as to whether it would be possible to place orders for poles now. I am very sorry to advise you that it is not and will not be until Fall. The Fall is the usual time anyway, but this year the Commission has purchased quite a quantity of red and jack pine poles which are to be creosoted and made available for next year's requirements.

Am sorry indeed not to be able to send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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J. LEONARD O'BRIEN
SOUTH NELSON, N. B.
CANADA

EASTERN CEDAR POLES
RAILWAY TIES
GENERAL FOREST PRODUCTS

August 7th., 1931

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen;-
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen;-

I have your letter of the 4th., inst., regarding the hydro matter and while I am keenly disappointed that I cannot received business I do want you to understand that I appreciate more than I can tell you the kindness you have shown me in this matter.

It is worthy of note that while it is necessary in my case to submit my fate to tender such a policy was not apparent in the fall of 1930, or if such a policy did exist although I was prominently before the authorities as anxious for business I was not asked to tender. I do not know just what you think of this sort of thing but it rather gives one a shock, and makes one wonder if after all Canadianism is the wonderful thing we hear of it.

Again please accept my thanks for your kindness. In asking you to assist me I hesitated but as the results were so important, to myself and the community I try to serve, I did so. I now fully realize that I cannot expect business from that source and so I delete it, from my expectations.

With kind personal regards, and sincerely trusting that sometime in the future it may be my pleasure to reciprocate your kindness,

JLOB

Yours sincerely,

J. L. O'Brien

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa,
July 27, 1931

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

It is alleged in the Western newspapers that your old friend, Mr. Ferguson received one hundred and twenty-five ($125,000) thousand dollars from Beauharnois, for campaign purposes.

This statement is made in spite of the fact that the bonds were delivered to Aird are all accounted for by him and in his possession. Sir John Aird is pictured as a strong conservative.

It is said that the contract given by the Ontario Hydro for twohundred fifty thousand (250,000 h.p.) horse power at $15 per H. P. was given at an exorbitant figure, and that this contract created a value in the project and enabled the promoters to ~~settle~~ (sell) the collateral trust bonds and thereby obtain the cash for themselves.

I would be glad to know whether or not the price paid for this power was exorbitant. If you could give me prices paid for power elsewhere so that I could quote these as examples without disclosing the source of my information, I would be very glad to have them.

When I go back to Regina, I want to see that the responsibility for Beauharnois stays exactly where the evidence places it.

I intend to go home by the way of Toronto when the session closes - whenever it does. I would be very glad to see you on my way through.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Turnbull

F. W. Turnbull, M. P.

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July 28, 1931.

F. W. Turnbull, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Turnbull :

I have your letter of the 27th.

So far as the purchase from Beauharnois is concerned, our Board is still firmly of the belief that the contract with Beauharnois is on a fair and reasonable basis and decidedly in the interests of the Hydro. The matter has a considerable history and I would be glad to have a talk with you any time you are able to call.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen

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Extract from letter, dated June 29, 1931,
from J. Hamilton, of Cornwall.

Office of the
Medical Officer of Health.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
Ontario Hydro Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Right Honourable Sir:

I am about to describe to you a case in connection with the Hydro Electric System for your consideration, and would earnestly ask you to do what you can in the premises.

One, J. Alton Robertson, some six years ago, while a young man, was working for the Hydro Electric System, and while adjusting a heavy voltage wire on a pole near Cornwall, he received a shock which caused such damages by burning that he lost his right leg above the knee and left arm close to the shoulder, as from an operation of amputation in both cases. At the same time, he received a terrible shock to his nervous system which ultimately resulted in damage to both eyes producing a traumatic cataract to the right eye which he had removed with very poor results. The only eye he has left now is impaired. As well as that, the nerve supply to the teeth was involved in the shock, rendering the loss of the teeth in the upper jaw. You can readily understand what position this young man is in.

He is at present in a minor job in your employ at Belleville, and I may say that owing to the meagre salary he was obtaining at the time of the accident, and according to the Workmen's Compensation Act of Ontario, he was only entitled to receive as a pension a permanent disability of 66% of the pay he was receiving at the time of the accident. This is absolutely inadequate for a man in the condition he is in, and while I feel that we cannot appeal to the Workmen's Compensation Board because they have acted in accordance with the laws of the Compensation, I have decided to appeal to you on compassionate grounds to see if the Commission could not see fit to increase what this man is getting so that he would receive a monthly allowance of $100. He has to pay for travelling expenses, and has great difficulty without help in dressing and undressing and otherwise taking care of himself, and I feel confident that I can apply to you for consideration to such a worthy case as this.

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July 27th., 1931.

Dr. J. Hamilton,
Cornwall, Ont.

Dear Sir: Re Mr. J. A. Robertson

I have gone into this matter fully with the Chief Engineer. I find the attitude towards Mr. Robertson very sympathetic and favourable, and I believe he can depend on any further work, especially outside work, which can be given to him, being so arranged.

Yours truly,

Arthur Meighen

AM/MC

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July 30, 1931.

F. A. Gaby, Esq.,
Hydro-Electric Power Comm. of Ontario,
University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I enclose a letter just received from J. Leonard O'Brien. I have also a letter from George M. McDade, M.P. for the district strongly impressing upon me the seriousness of the unemployment there.

Will you kindly let me know if there is any possibility of meeting Mr. O'Brien's desire.

Kindly return the letter.

Yours very truly,

AM/R. Arthur Meighen.

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, July 28th, 1931.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
T O R O N T O.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

Conditions on the Miramichi, in New Brunswick, are very distressing. The practically complete loss of our basic industry, in lumbering, has served to throw more than five thousand men out of employment.

I understand the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission is in the market for poles. If an order could be placed on the Miramichi at the present time, even for later delivery, it would help materially.

The Honourable J. Leonard O'Brien, former Speaker, would like to sell three thousand poles at once, and I am sure if you would interest yourself in the matter, that it would bring about the desired result. I cannot too strongly stress our situation, and in view of our old time friendship, I am taking the liberty of appealing to you in an endeavor to have some measure of relief provided in this way.

Yours very sincerely,

McD/H

George M. McDade, M. P.

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July 30, 1931.

George M. McDade, Esq. M.P.
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McDade:

I have your letter of the 28th.

I am taking the matter up again with the Commission today, but I am not very confident that any action can be got at the present time as contracts are ordinarly let only in the Fall.

Yours very truly,

AM/K. Arthur Meighen.

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July 30, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
Canadian General Investment Trust,
National Building,
Toronto. 2.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

We have repeatedly written and interviewed the Chairman of the Hydro Commission, Mr. Cook, touching and concerning the Border Cities Electric Railway Insurance. So far we have received only excuses and evasive answers.

To-day we have written the Acting Prime-Minister placing the facts before him. Enclosed herewith is a copy of our letter.

We sincerely trust that when the matter is again considered by the Commissioners (as we expect it will be very soon) you can see your way clear to press for a speedy rectification of this unjust situation.

Yours respectfully,

JKM/R
Encl.

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July 30, 1931.

Personal and Confidential.

Colonel The Hon. W. H. Price, K.C.,
Acting Prime Minister and Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, 5.

Dear Colonel Price,-

May I respectfully present for your consideration the situation which obtains in the Border Cities, as follows,-

The Hydro Electric Railway in the Border Cities is owned by the citizens of the Border Cities and operated by the Hydro Commission under an agreement. The Insurance on the Railway is large and the premium paid on this insurance totals not less than $61,500. The principal item is Public Liability Insurance, the rate being 6% of the gross receipts of the Railway. The premium paid on Public Liability Insurance is not less than $60,000.

The total premium paid on the other insurance does not total over $1500.00.

Of all the insurance carried the business placed in the Border Cities is insignificant. The total premiums paid to Border Cities Agents do not amount to more than $1500.00. The Public Liability Insurance with an annual premium of approximately $60,000. has been placed by the Hydro Commission Insurance Department with a Toronto agent.

Clearly the Border Cities Agents are entitled to this insurance from their Public-owned railway. It is indefensible that 95% of this business is being retained in Toronto, especially at a time like the present when the local business activities need local support.

The practice has been repeatedly condemned by the representatives of the Municipalities who own the Railway. Last October they passed a Resolution drawing the Commission's attention to the inequitable and otherwise unfair way in which

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the Border Cities are being treated in this matter and requesting that all insurance in connection with the railway be placed through the D. W. Fleming "Insurance Agency" in Windsor which agency is representing the local agents for this purpose. This resolution (October 7th, 1930) was unanimously signed by all the local representatives on the Board of the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway. It was a definite request to the Commission to remedy this situation if at all possible.

The Hydro operate the Street Railway in Guelph and in Hamilton under the same arrangement in both instances and have placed their insurance locally. The Border Cities is the only case in which they have refused so to do. I am given to understand that the Municipalities of Hamilton and Guelph are subject to obligations concerning possible deficits which are not assumed by the Border Cities. I fail to see, however, the application of this point in-as-much as the Provincial Hydro Commission of Ontario adjudicates matters of this character throughout the entire Province and owes no greater obligation to Toronto than to any other part of the Province.

The cost of the Insurance to the Railway if placed locally would not be greater than at present. The rate is fixed by the Underwriter's Association, an independent body and is based on facts supplied by the carrying Company - the annual loss, amount of commission and also the expenses of handling adjustments.

The present agency maintains an office in the Border Cities with a man and stenographer and the attendant extra expense solely to handle the adjustment of claims against the railway. The Fleming agency would handle this business through their established office in the Border Cities: the only added expense being the incremental additional man to handle the work.

The difference in commission and adjustment expense is obvious. It will be appreciated, therefore, that there will be a considerable saving.

These facts were placed before the Commissioners and Mr. McGrath by Mr. Fleming last October. Mr. Maguire stated that their Insurance Company advised against the transfer

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from the Toronto Agency to the Border Cities Agents at that time, on the ground that it would prejudice claims which were not as yet settled. He informed Mr. Fleming that he would see that the Border Cities Agents were given a substantial amount of other insurance in the meantime and that they hoped to give them the business the following year. This is the story Mr. Fleming has been told for the past three years. To date no change has been made in the placing of any of the Railway's Insurance.

Mr. Fleming wrote Mr. Maguire about the end of January concerning the matter but so far has had no reply.

In the meantime there is an amount which roughly runs between Five and Seven hundred dollars monthly being earned by the parties in Toronto on this business which should be earned in the Border Cities.

At the February meeting of the directors of the Street Railway, the Commission was severely critized for not placing the insurance as the directors had requested. The excuse given to the directors at that time by the Commission representative was that the Commission was waiting for the new agreement between the municipalities and the Hydro to be drawn up and to be signed, and that in the meantime they had not renewed the insurance for the year but had arranged with the present Company to carry on from month to month.

The agreement has now been signed by the Municipalities. One of the causes of friction was the Commission's failure to place the insurance locally. The representatives were assured by the Commission's representatives that the Insurance would be placed in accordance with the wishes of the new Directors appointed by the Municipalities. Up to the present nothing has been done by the Commission to implement these promises, and rectify this injustice. There appears to be no reason why this insu ance could not be given to the Border Cities at the end of any thirty day period.

The Fleming agency has been selected by the Insurance Agents who are residents of these different municipalities as their representative to place the insurance. It is only proper that one agent should handle all the

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insurance, and therefore be responsible for the same. The arrangement is that these different agents are to share the Commissions earned on these premiums after the actual expense of looking after the business is taken care of.

I respectfully submit that the above indicated situation be remedied at the earliest convenient moment so that the feeling now abroad in the Border Cities, that their interests are being seriously prejudiced, may be eliminated.

Yours respectfully,

JKM/R

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TO BE BROUGHT UP AT NEXT HYDRO MEETING

July 31, 1931.

J. Keiller Mackay, Esq.,
Mackay & Matheson,
85 Richmond St. West,
Toronto 2, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mackay :

I have your letter of July 30th and have read same with enclosure very carefully. It will be a few days before I can take this matter up with the Commission as we are not to have a meeting this coming week. I think, however, the matter is probably abiding the consummation of the change in the organization which is being made pursuant to the act of 1930 and which involves the shifting of the responsibility for management of these roads. As soon as I can get anything further on the subject I will advise you.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen

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August 20, 1931.

Col. J. Keiller MacKay,
312 Federal Building,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel MacKay:

With further reference to your letter of 30th July, there is no doubt that things are under way now to transfer the handling of these Railways in the Windsor district to a Company being formed there by the Municipalities, and this is expected to be consummated almost daily. After that, the Insurance, as I understand it, will be handled there also.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Rt Hon A Meighen
Toronto.

Calabogie Ont
July 28/31

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Dear Sir

Have often thought of writing to you since your appointment to the H.E. Commission. The results of the Beauharnois investigation are illuminating to say the least and it is public opinion that Hydro affairs will be the next call for investigation. I could tell of some curious things in re to Hydro which happen right here. However my object in writing is to try to get some of the power sites on the Madawaska here developed to give employment here for a yr or two. I am afraid that people will suffer in this district this winter. This is a rough section of country and the

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farmers in former yrs always got good pulpwood contracts. This yr there have been no contract signed The Black Donald Graphite mining Co. has been forced to close also This mine is located 14 miles from here. Calabogie is their head office and shipping point. They always had hauling all winter for a lot of farmers teams and as the mine is closed it will mean a considerable loss also. The Hydro has had the power sites on this river surveyed different times and it is admitted there is about 150000 horse power. why go buying so much power when this is available. These sites will be developed ultimately so why not

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now when the district is suffering surely Hydro with all its surpluses can develop these sites.
At the head of Calubogie lake six miles from here is located the High Falls. There is over 30000 horse power right there and as it is only one or 6 miles from there to the Gatineau Power line the power could easily be transmitted to Toronto if desired. Once this one development was started it would give employment to a lot of working men for about 3 yrs. I know there is not much use of me writing but am trying to get things going. I am only a barber. I was attending Queen's University and had bad luck

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with my hearing so was forced
to quit and go back to my old trade.
I am reading all I can get about Hydro
as was always a firm believer
in it until lately but I think there
is something wrong. The people are
looking for another Adam Beck
and public opinion is favoring
two men. Tommy Church is the
favorite of some and you yourself
is the other. Rumour had it that
you were done with public life but
there is no use in letting one
disappointment spoil your life
why hide your God given talents
There may not be much monetary
reward in being a Hydro Commissioner
or even Chairman of the Hydro
but there are things Mr Meighen

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that money cannot buy. If you will take the stand on Hydro affairs that Beck took, fight the power barons, and protect the the greatest investment of its kind in the world. you would then gain the thanks along with Beck of generations yet to come. Hydro needs a man not a puffed. If you see fit to reply to this letter I will be glad to hear from you

Yours truly
Fred Hayward

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Hydro 129328

July 31, 1931.

Fred Hayward, Esq.,
Calabogie,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hayward :

I have read with very much interest your letter of the 28th of July and clearly you have taken a very keen interest in Hydro matters and I hope you will continue to do so, for the Hydro enterprise is on the whole exceedingly creditable to the Canadian people and especially those who have initiated and carried through the enterprise.

The Commissioners regard themselves as trustees of the municipalities and are always under obligation to serve those municipalities to the utmost.

I note especially what you say as to the matter of the Madawaska sites. The development of these will, of course, be governed as to time by power and demand. I expect to have a talk with the Chief Commissioner shortly on the subject ot these sites.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen

AM:K

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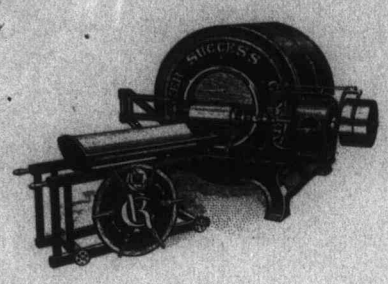

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Aug. 6, 1931.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commissioner,
Ontario Hydro Bldg.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Arthur:-

During a conversation which I had with a representative of the Steel Co. of Canada, who calls on us regularly, and whose judgement I respect very much, he stated that there was a growing feeling among many people with whom he came in contact, that the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission officers, that is, those in charge of the different departments, and the engineers were not giving the service required of them, and the dissatisfaction has been more noticeable in the immediate past, inasmuch as information asked for was difficult to obtain, slow in answering correspondence, and once they had arrived at a decision it was absolute and no compromise could be effected.

This gentleman informed me of a conversation that he had with a good Conservative recently, who is Reeve of a municipality just outside the city of Hamilton, and a graduate of McGill University, and his complaint is of such a nature that I thought I would advise you of it, for your own information, as I know that you are always glad to receive information of this character, particularly when you have just become a member of the Commission.

I want to thank you most sincerely for the kind hospitality shown me while in Toronto a week ago, and I can assure you that if I can be of any service to you at any time, I shall be only too glad to have you call upon me.

Very sincerely yours,

C.E.R.

O. Chas. E. Richardson, M. P. P.

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Hydro

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August 8, 1931.

Chas. E. Richardson, Esq., M. P. P.,
St. Mary's, Ontario.

Dear Charlie:

Thanks for your letter of 6th. I will have a talk with the other Commissioners on the subject matter. If you ever get any specific instance, it would be very valuable to me. We are determined there will be no cause for complaint along the lines you have drawn attention to.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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August 7th, 1931

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

G. F. D.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Esq., K.C.,
Vice President and General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities, Limited,
National Building,
T O R O N T O, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Complaint re Power Bill,
Miss Mabel McIntosh, Ottawa

We are returning, herewith, letter addressed to you by Miss Mabel McIntosh, which you referred to us for investigation on July 8th.

We have gone into this matter but so far have been unable to locate Miss McIntosh as a consumer in the suburban or rural area around Ottawa and therefore have been unable to interview her. The Ottawa Hydro Commission also advise that they have looked up their files and can find no trace of a consumer by that name.

We are, therefore, forced to refer the matter back to you for fuller information.

Yours truly,

F. A. Gaby

GFD/F

Chief Engineer

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August 8, 1931.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is a personal letter from Charles E. Richardson, St. Mary's. This is just for your perusal. Please return.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Arthur Meighen.

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August 11th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
National Building,
Toronto 2.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I enclose Lawson & Lawson letter, dated August 7th, on my desk this morning, making claim against the Commission by reason of the burning of his barn.

I also enclose memo from the Accounting Department, dated July 23rd, on my desk this morning, asking for a report as to collection of an account against Prescott Realty Company for $834.00 and Toronto Harbor Commission for $2,775.64.

Attached also is a copy of request from the Accounting Department, dated May 12th, making the same request, and you will observe that this was forwarded to Mr. Hugill for report on May 15th, but as yet Mr. Hugill has not been able to take the matter up or send any report.

I send these two items from my desk this morning as an illustration of the type of matters that almost daily reach my desk and should be promptly dealt with. There is no suggestion of carelessness on the part of Mr. Hugill; it simply means that he has not the right

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., August 11th, 1931.

type of assistants to promptly follow these matters up.

I have not dealt with either of the enclosures and would be glad therefore if you would return them for my attention.

Yours truly,

IBL/EP

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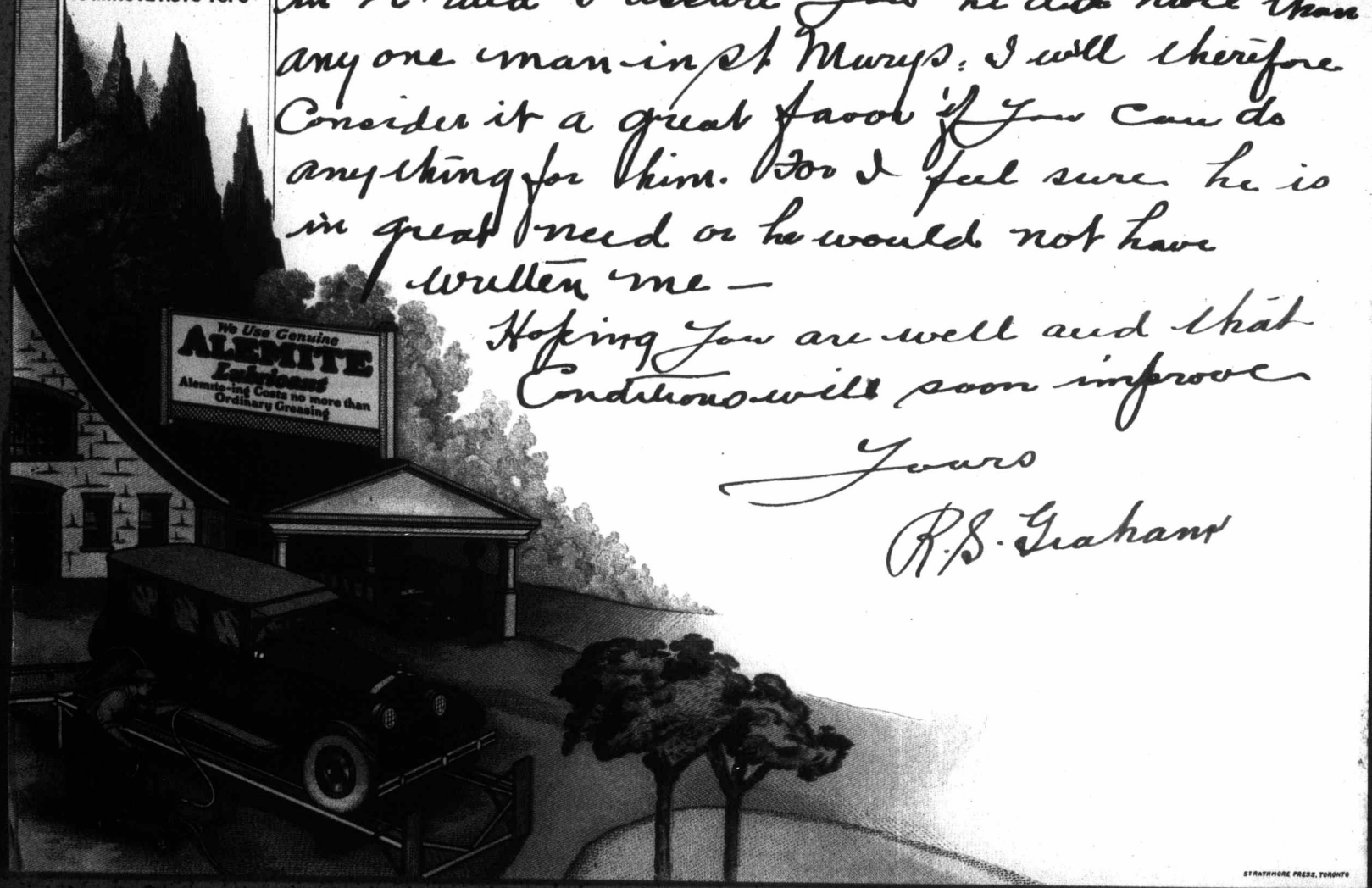
Right Hon Arthur Meighen
Toronto

Dear Friend – I am enclosing a letter from a friend of mine which will explain itself. I am confident he is a very capable fellow and I have every reason to believe reliable. He was accountant at Maxwell's during my election in H. and I assure you he did more than any one man in St Marys. I will therefore consider it a great favor if you can do anything for him. For I feel sure he is in great need or he would not have written me –

Hoping you are well and that conditions will soon improve

Yours
R.S. Graham



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August 12, 1931.

Mr. R. S. Graham,
St. Marys, Ont.

Dear Bob:

I have just received your letter enclosing letter of Mr. Benner.

As you can realize, the pressure to secure positions is now not only great but sometimes almost heart-rendering. I have something in the nature of a procession coming to my office all the time, either by mail or on foot.

It may possibly be that some extra hands will be required in connection with the proposed new building, and I will see if there is any way of placing Mr. Benner in some part of this work. I would like to meet your wishes if possible at all.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Toronto 2, Ontario Aug 12, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Commissioner,
Toronto. Ont.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly consider this my application for a position with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, as manager in any of the smaller cities or towns of Ontario, or in your purchasing or claims department.

I have had years of experience in office work and in meeting the public, and have filled responsible executive positions with railroads and commercial companies, can furnish best of references and bond, also can handle men.

I am at present employed temporarily by the above concern as a Telegrapher.

Yours truly,

Arthur J. Lee.

Care Canadian Sports and Racing Form,
Telegraph Department, 4th Floor.
50 Richmond Street, East.
Toronto, Ont.

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August 13, 1931.

Mr. Arthur T. Lee,
50 Richmond St. E.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Lee:

I have your letter of 12th. I will take this matter up with the Executive of the Commission and see what can be done.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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August 13, 1931.

F. A. Gaby, Esq.,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is a letter written by Mr. W. C. Benner really to myself but through Mr. R. S. Graham of St. Marys.

Mr. Graham tells me that this man was accountant of the Maxwell works at St. Marys and is a man of much more than ordinary competence.

Please note his name in connection with any temporary work required with regard to the new building.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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August 13, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Ontario Hydro Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I am enclosing a letter just received from Mr. S. B. Gundy. Am expecting to get up to see you tomorrow, and you can advise me how to reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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TORONTO

August 13th, 1931.

Dear Mr. Meighen :-

Re: Grimsby Beach Cottager's Electric Light

You were good enough to suggest that I send you a brief statement regarding the above.

I would judge that there are one hundred and fifty (150) cottages wired and now receiving light. The agreement with the D. P. & T. under which we have this light, at a reasonable rate, does not involve us in any service charge as the line is owned by the cottagers. This agreement now expires.

On Saturday last at the Beach, Mr. Rothwell, representing Hydro, announced to the cottagers the plan for supplying us with electricity, under the following terms: Every cottager must pay $1.35 per month for twelve months in the year for service charge, on all fours with the district around Beamsville, who use the light for twelve months in the year.

As I explained to you, our cottage is opened for July and August, and it does seem to me that your sense of fair play would indicate that a different arrangement surely can be meted out to the transients at Grimsby Beach in the matter of charge for service than is applied to the district around where there is a twelve months use of light.

A point which possibly has been overlooked, I might mention. There is complete service at the west end and the east end of the Beach at present in existence (D.P. & T.) All that would be necessary is that you erect your lines connecting with the two above mentioned, through Grimsby Beach. There would, therefore, be no easement charge in our case.

I am very grateful to you for your promise to submit this letter to your Commission, and I would be very glad to amplify the above, in conversation with Mr. Gaby, if you think that would serve a useful purpose.

With kind regards, and again many thanks.

Yours very truly,

S. B. Gundy

Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Toronto.

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Answered by R.TJ. for Mr. Meighen's signature - August 14th, 1931.

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Mr. J.J.Jeffery	In ____ days
Mr. H.D.Rothwell	From
Mr.	O.K. to File

August 14th, 1931.

(Personal)

Mr. S. B. Gundy,
c/o Doubleday, Doran and Gundy, Ltd.,
Publishers,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Re: Grimsby Beach Cottagers'
Electric Light.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 13th instant, regarding electric service to the Grimsby Beach Cottagers' Association, and, on investigation I find that the agreement between the Dominion Power & Transmission Company and the Grimsby Beach Cottagers' Association does not expire until May 1st, 1932.

Under the existing agreement with the Dominion Power & Transmission Company, power is supplied by the Company to the Association en bloc and re-sold by the Association to its Members, the expenses being apportioned to the various cottagers, which, I understand, amount to approximately $4.50 per annum for each cottage for lighting only.

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Mr. S. B. Gundy

August 14th, 1931.

I am advised that the distribution system within the Park is largely attached to trees and has long since outlived its usefulness and has not sufficient capacity to permit of consumers within the Park making satisfactory use of appliances on account of low voltage. An additional charge is made to each cottage owner for each appliance used, the charge for the season for a vacuum cleaner being $5.00 in addition to the $4.50 for lighting. The charge for hotplates, toasters, irons and other appliances is somewhat in line with the charge for vacuum cleaners.

In order to give satisfactory service to the consumers in Grimsby Beach, it will be necessary for the Commission to entirely re-build the Beach distribution system, at a cost of approximately $60.00 per consumer, or a total of approximately $10,500.00.

I am advised that Mr. Rothwell, the Commission's representative, who addressed the meeting at Grimsby Beach on Saturday last, did not quote any

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Mr. S. B. Gundy

August 14th, 1931.

rates, whatever, for this service, but merely explained what the cost of service was in the Beamsville Rural Power District. Mr. Rothwell explained, carefully, several times to the meeting that he was not quoting rates for Beach Consumers but explained the form of rate that would be used, and, also, that before rates could be quoted it would be necessary to have these rates approved by the Commission.

I understand that the matter of rates and power supply to the consumers in Grimsby Beach is being given consideration by the Commission's Engineers, and, I believe, that this matter will be definitely settled within the next few weeks, when your Association will be advised.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER.

RTJ:M.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Your communication in behalf of Mr. W.C. Benner is duly to hand, and in reply beg to inform you that we are getting in touch with Mr. Benner, and requesting him to fill in the usual application form, so that we may have before us full information as to his qualifications and experience.

Due to the conditions existing on the staff to-day and the necessity of taking care of the employees recently dismissed in connection with the taking over of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, it will, no doubt, be very difficult for us to take on outside men. We shall be glad, however, to keep Mr. Benner's name before us and get in touch with him should an opening suitable for a man of his experience present itself in the near future.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

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Aug. 17, 1931.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

W.G.P.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen,

Commissioner.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Enclosed please find copies of two statements which cover the question of salary. In regard to expenses, I am sorry that I cannot at the moment give you the exact figures because the Commission's old records have been removed to a storage warehouse.

However, I remember that shortly after the Commission moved to 190 University Ave. sometime in 1916, the then Chairman had a small suite of rooms in the Alexandra Apts. (next door) for which the Commission paid part of the rent, ranging from $80.00 to $100.00 per month.

In addition, the Commission paid $1,500.00 per year for expenses for several years prior to Sir Adam's death.

If you would like to have detailed information in respect of these two items, I will be pleased to have the old records gone over and details submitted in two or three days.

Yours respectfully,

W. G. Pierdon

Accountant.

WGP/SEH.

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THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION
OF ONTARIO.

STATEMENT SHOWING PERIOD DURING
WHICH COMMISSIONERS SERVED WITHOUT
REMUNERATION.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Hon. Sir Adam Beck	July 1905 to June 6, 1906.
Mr. Geo. Pattison	" " " " "
Mr. P. W. Ellis	" " " Jan.25, 1906.
Mr. John Milne	Jan. 26, 1906, to June 6, 1906.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

Hon. Sir Adam Beck	June 7, 1906 to Oct. 31, 1911.
Hon. J. S. Hendrie	" " " Oct. 9, 1911.
Mr. G. B. Smith	" " " Feb. 28, 1907.
Mr. W. K. McNaught	Feb. 28,1907 " Oct. 31, 1914.
Hon. I. B. Lucas	Oct. 9,1914 " Oct. 31, 1914.

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SIR ADAM BECK:

AS CHAIRMAN OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION:

		Per Month	Total
Nov. 1, 1911, to Oct. 31, 1912, @		$500.00	$6,000.00
" 1, 1912, to Oct. 31, 1913, @		500.00	6,000.00
" 1, 1913, to June 30, 1914, @		500.00	4,000.00
July 1, 1914, to Oct. 31, 1914, @		1000.00	4,000.00
Nov. 1, 1914, to Oct. 31, 1915, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1915, to Oct. 31, 1916, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1916, to Oct. 31, 1917, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1917, to Oct. 31, 1918, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1918, to Oct. 31, 1919, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1919, to Oct. 31, 1920, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1920, to Oct. 31, 1921, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1921, to Oct. 31, 1922, @		1000.00	12,000.00
Nov. 1, 1922, to Oct. 31, 1923, @		1500.00	18,000.00
Nov. 1, 1923, to Oct. 31, 1924, @		1500.00	18,000.00
Nov. 1, 1924, to July 31, 1925, @		1500.00 = 13,500.	
Aug. 1925, (Paid to Royal Trust Co. Executors of Estate)		1,500.	15,000.00
			$167,000.00

AS CHAIRMAN OF ONTARIO POWER COMPANY:

	Aug. 1, 1917, to Oct. 31, 1917, @	500.00	1,500.00
	Nov. 1, 1917, to Oct. 31, 1918, @	500.00	6,000.00
	Nov. 1, 1918, to Oct. 31, 1919, @	500.00	6,000.00
	Nov. 1, 1919, to Oct. 31, 1920, @	500.00	6,000.00
	Nov. 1, 1920, to Oct. 31, 1921, @	500.00	6,000.00
x	Nov. 1, 1921, to Oct. 31, 1922, @	500.00	6,000.00
			31,500.00

x - No cheques were issued by the Ontario Power Co. for salary subsequent to October 31, 1922; all the salary was paid by Hydro Commission and $500.00 per month charged to the operations of the Ontario Power Co. up to Dec. 31, 1924, when the properties formed part of the Niagara System.

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August 18, 1931.

Mr. I. B. Lucas,
c/o Mrs. Park,
Southampton, Ont.

Dear Mr. Lucas:

I had a long talk yesterday with Mr. Gaby. He seems determined to put Mr. Fairlee into the Right-of-Way Branch. He is willing to include, and indeed strongly favours including the handling of all lands in that Branch, and he was quite impervious to any arguments I could advance against his ideas on behalf of Mr. Fairlee. I am rather at a loss to know just how to handle this, but I am determined he is not going to have is way if I can help it. Under the circumstances, unless you are here tomorrow, I do not intend to bring the subject up. I told him I would go into the matter again very fully with Mr. Hugill.

I have said nothing as yet to anyone about the matter, except to Mr. Cooke, who was quite agreeable to my ideas. I intend to see him again. Meantime, please let me know when you can be down.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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NINE COPIES OF ALL MEMORANDA SHALL BE SENT TO COMMISSION---EIGHT OF THEM ON THIS PAPER.

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Memoranda to Commission

August 18,, 1932.

To Chief Engineer:

Re. Metropolitan Railway Sale. Easements from the Corporation of the City of Toronto.

I have the honour to recommend that the attached duplicate copies of easement from the Corporation of the City of Toronto to this Commission, for the following occupations, namely:

1 - Part of the right of way of the old Schomberg & Aurora Railway, for a period of approximately 3 years, and including approximately 725 Poles for rural purposes.

2 - Part of the right of way of the Metropolitan Division of the old Toronto & York Railway extending from Eulecks Corners to the North limit of the Town of Newmarket, involving approximately 116 Poles carrying our 26.4 Kv. circuit.

be signed by the Commission.

It will be noted that this has been recommended for execution by both the Engineering and Legal Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. K.

Chief Electrical Engineer.

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August 20th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President and General Counsel,
The Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Bldg.,
Bay St.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am in receipt of your esteemed favour of August 19th, in which you enclose memorandum from the Engineer in connection with the proposed expropriation of the lands required by the Commission from the Kingdon Mine Corporation. I will have this matter placed in the hands of those dealing with this situation, in accordance with your suggestion.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Winnipeg Beach Man.
Aug. 18-1931

The Rt. Hon. Chas. Stewart
Ottawa:

My Dear Friend:

Last year we purchased a cottage here and are enjoying it very much indeed. We would surely be delighted if you came out and see us.

Our Cottagers Association are very desirous of securing from the Hydro Commission a contract for power similar to the one they have had with the Dominion Power & Transmission Co.

We are extremely anxious to control the Park affairs in such a way as will from the sanitary and other points of view, we believe, be in the general interest. Our control of the lighting

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system is of the greatest assistance to us in retaining the control.

If Commission could see their way clear to grant our request which, I understand is being presented, we would, I assure you, be greatly relieved.

Yours truly & friend.
W. C. Eddy

Please remember Mr. Eddy and myself to Mrs. Meighen when we both pleasant evening in Durham. Bring her over with you when you come.

A.E.T.

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August 20, 1931.

Rev. Arthur C. Eddy,
Grimsby Beach, Ont.

Dear Arthur:

I have your letter of 18th. I cannot do better in this connection than send you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. S. B. Gundy bearing on the same subject.

I am afraid it will not be possible for me to get down to Grimsby, delightful place though it is.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen

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James Simpson

Board of Control
1931

Toronto, August 19, 1931.

Miss Hutchison,
66"A" Pembroke Street,
Toronto.

Take up this per d/o

Dear Miss Hutchison,

I have received a memorandum left on my desk by my Secretary regarding your request. I would indeed be pleased to assist you in any way possible but at the present time there is no way I can advise you excepting to keep in touch with Mr.Laver.

Sincerely yours,

J. Geo. Ramsden

J.G.R.

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August 19, 1931.

F. A. Gaby, Esq.,
Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Attached is plan made by an engineer in this City, with a memorandum appended. I have the name and address of the engineer, and I believe from information received that he is quite prepared to give evidence accordingly, when the question of the value of the lands expropriated by Hydro in the Kingdon Mines comes up. I am passing the information along so that at the proper time you can place it in the hands of those who have charge of the Hydro case.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Arthur Meighen.

The engineer is Mr. Thompson, c/o R. J. Dodds & Co., C. P. R. Building, Toronto.

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BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES, ETC.,
SUITE 312 FEDERAL BUILDING, 85 RICHMOND ST. WEST,
TORONTO, 2.

August 20, 1931.

Hydro

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Investment Trust,
National Building,
TORONTO 2.

Re: Border Cities Electric Railway Insurance.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Mr. Donald W. Fleming of Windsor, Ontario, writes us that he has attended on the Manager of the Guaranty Trust Company in regard to placing all insurance locally but has received little, if any, satisfaction.

Mr. Fleming is very anxious to have an interview with you and could arrange to be in Toronto on Monday afternoon, August 24th, if that date would be convenient to you.

We will appreciate if you can give Mr. Fleming a short interview.

Yours faithfully,

MACKAY & MATHESON,

per

AMM/KMM

Phoned answer K
Conf. Mac Kay

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109 Williamson Road,
Toronto, August 27, 1921.

Mr. F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

Re Campbellford Pulp Mill.

Dear Sir:--

I beg to acknowledge your favor of August 21st on the above subject, have carefully noted contents, and thank you for the same.

I observe therefrom that the Hydro-Electric Commission does not consider it good business to enter into a five-year contract for the product of the mill. That being the case, then that particular aspect of the matter may be said to be closed under present circumstances, and on that account it may be assumed that the mill will have to be purchased if the output is to be available to my clients. Therefore, let us proceed upon that theory.

I note from your communication that the Commission "does not deem it advisable to enter into an agreement to give a five-year option." In this connection it might be pointed out that I have not at any time, in any manner whatsoever, even suggested a five-year option, or even a five-minute option, and I think my correspondence, in the first instance, with Mr. Meighen, and later with yourself, will bear out that statement, clear and unmistakable.

I have understood from Mr. Meighen and from both yourself and Mr. Jeffrey that the Commission is desirous of disposing of the mill, and I believe your personal statement to me was that the price would be about $60,000. With that understanding, I have requested that the Hydro place a price on it; what it is is for you and your engineers and the Board to say. I suggested that it should be $65,000 at the outset, so as to permit some little margin to work upon, and that, in view of what is likely to be considerable expense in interesting a customer or customers and getting the prospects over the property, you should undertake to pay me a commission of 10% of gross price in the event of

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my being able to procure a customer who makes a purchase at a price and upon terms acceptable to the Commission. Just a brief, simple commission arrangement, as I understand is required under the laws of the Province of Ontario, and which, I presume, would apply to the Hydro, controlled by that government which enacted the law.

In order to interest a customer, in the first place, it will be necessary, in my opinion, to have a statement of what plant, machinery, buildings, raw material, finished product, etc., would be included at the price of $65,000; a statement as to number of men employed, wages paid, power charges, what power utilized at the peak load, price of same, gross revenue, overhead and fixed charges, and any other details necessary to enable a business man to get a fairly accurate idea as to just what he would be purchasing. Also I should have an idea as to just what terms of payment will be required; how much cash down, period for deferred payments, if any, and what interest thereon.

If you could do me the favor of giving me this information concisely and promptly, I believe I have a customer whom I can interest in this mill. But, owing to most unexpected delay, I have had to hold him off for the past three or four weeks, and I am likely to lose him unless I can proceed with reasonable alacrity. I would therefore ask you to give this matter your consideration just as soon as possible. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Meighen, so that he can keep in touch with the matter, which he was good enough to introduce to your Commission.

Please address me to my home, as I am in and out of the city a great deal and am making a change in business address.

109 Williamson Road,
Toronto, Canada.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) G. M. Thompson.

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Constitution of Eugenia Hydro Electric Association

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THE EUGENIA HYDRO ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Adopted at the annual meeting of the above Association held at Wingham, Ontario, June 10th, 1925.

Name

The name of the organization shall be **"The Eugenia Hydro Electric Association."**

Object

The objects of the Association are:

a. To take united action on all Public Utility matters in regard to the Eugenia Hydro System.

b. To work in conjunction with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario in promoting development of Public Utilities in this district and the Province.

c. To suggest such legislation as may be deemed of advantage to the Municipalities on the Eugenia Hydro Electric System and to take united action thereon.

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d. To prevent by all lawful and expedient methods, any encroachment on the rights of the Municipalities of the Eugenia System.

e. To confer with the officials of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario regarding any large expenditure on the Eugenia System before same is undertaken.

Membership

The Membership of the Association shall consist of Public Utilities Commissions and Superintendents, Secretaries and Municipal Councils embracing the Eugenia System after payment of the fees herein prescribed, but voting power shall be limited to three delegates from each municipality. The voting delegates to the Eugenia Hydro Electric Association shall hold proper credentials signed by the Chairman and Secretary of their local Commission, or signed by the Reeve and Clerk of the Municipality when the Council represents the Commission, and that the credentials be ones sent out by the Secretary of this Association.

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Membership Fees

Municipalities taking power up to 500 h.p.	$ 4.00
Municipalit's taking power from 500 to 1000 h.p.	8.00
Municipalit's taking power over 1000 h.p.	12.00
Individual members	1.00

Officers

The Officers of the Association shall consist of the following:

Honorary members: Chairman of the Ontario Hydro Commission, all past Presidents of this Association and all members of the Provincial Legislature in the Eugenia districts; President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Sec'y-Treas., and Executive Committee composed of seven members—five including the Officers to form a quorum.

Election of Officers

The Officers shall be elected by ballot if demanded by resolution after nomination for their respective offices, at the annual meeting and shall hold office for 1 year, or until their respective successors have been elected. In case of a vac-

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ancy occurring through death, resignation or otherwise in the Executive, the Executive may fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the Association.

The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the Officers and the seven members elected on the Executive. The Association shall hold its annual meeting on the Second Wednesday in June at a place decided upon at a previous meeting of its members.

The Executive may at its discretion call a special meeting of the Association to be held at a time and place fixed by the Executive.

The President of the Association will be Chairman of all Executive meetings.

The Executive shall, each year, submit to the annual meeting a detailed statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year then ending.

There shall be appointed at the annual meeting two auditors to examine and report on the finances of the Association.

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any annual meeting called for the purpose, providing such amendment shall receive the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Association represented at such meeting.

At any meeting of the Association or at any meeting of the Executive, the order of business shall be:

1. Reading of minutes of last regular or intervening meeting.
2. Communications.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Report of Special Committees.
5. Business arising out of minutes.
6. Election of Officers.
7. New business.
8. Appointment of Special Committees.
9. General Discussion.

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At any General meeting of the Association, unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried shall be sufficient evidence of the fact.

Upon request signed by five Municipalities of the Association the President shall call a special meeting of the Association.

The meetings of the Executive shall be held at least once a year ~~on the Second Monday in September~~ at a place appointed at the annual meeting.

A special meeting of the Executive may be held at the call of the President at such a time and place as he may direct.

All monies belonging to the Association shall be deposited in some Chartered Bank in Ontario to the credit of the Association and shall be withdrawn only by cheque signed by the Treasurer.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION 129309

C. C. ELVIDGE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

DURHAM, ONT.

Aug 31st/21

Hydro E. P. Comm of Ont.
190 University ave
Toronto Ont.

Gentlemen:-

The annual meeting of the Engineers Hydro Electric Assn is to be held in Kincardine on Wednesday Sept 16th 1931 commencing at 2 P.M. as secty of the association I have been requested by our Executive Committee to write you, & see if it would be possible for Mr Cooke or Sir A Meighen or both of them to honor us with their presence at this meeting and address the delegates on general questions pertaining to Hydro matters. We are the only divisional association in the province. the association was formed in May 1922. The objects of the association you will find in the "Constitution" inclosed. As yet we have not been honored with the presence of a member of the Ont Commission at our annual meetings, being unlucky in setting dates when the Commission had other dates arranged. Should the above date not suit your convenience, could you arrange a date to be present during the week of the 16th or 23rd of Sept. We are withholding final announcement of meeting until we hear from you.

Yours truly
C. C. Elvidge
Secty Treasurer
Durham Ont.

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September 2, 1931.

Mr. C. C. Elvidge,
Durham, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 31st August addressed to the Hydro-Electric Commission has been handed me by the Chairman with the request that if possible I comply with your invitation. I think I could do so if you would make the date on a Monday instead of a Wednesday. The Monday following Wednesday the 16th would suit, or for that matter the Monday before. I understand from your letter the meeting will be at noon. Am not presuming that you want anything in the way of a lengthy speech, but just something indicative of the work of the Hydro Commission.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION 129369

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Arthur Meighen.

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Mitchell Sept. 2nd/31.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

Over two years ago I filed an application with the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission for a position.

Last spring I had Charlie Richardson of St. Marys follow my application up, with the result that I have been promised consideration if an opening was available.

I understand that there are several thousand applications on file at all times with the employment branch, and unless one has some influence, there is not much of a chance to secure a situation, when there is an opening.

I forwarded several excellent

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ucommends from the following men Dr. M. Steele, Mr. M. Irvine Mr. J. S. Ford, and Dr. S. N. Berry of Caledonia.

Anything you may do to keep my name befod the employment branch of the Hydro Electric Commission would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Hume F. Moses.

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September 4, 1931.

Mr. Hume F. Moses,
Mitchell, Ont.

Dear Hume:

I received your letter of 2nd. Yes, I presume there are a great many applications on file. As a matter of fact, I have only heard of one appointment since I joined the Hydro Commission about the 1st of June. However, I will not only keep in mind your application but will watch for it specially when any vacancy occurs that I learn of at all.

Yours very truly,

AM/F.

Arthur Meighen.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION
C. C. ELVIDGE, SECRETARY-TREASURER
DURHAM, ONT.

Sept. 4th/1931

Rt. Hon Arthur Meighen
190 University Ave
Toronto Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of 2nd inst. to hand.
Thank you very much for your prompt reply to our request.
We are pleased to change the date of our meeting to suit your convenience.
The annual meeting of the Eugenia Hydro Electric Assn will be held at Kincardine on Monday the 21st inst, commencing at 2 P.M. in the Town Hall.
We leave it in your hands entirely regarding your address, and the amount of time you wish to give us.

Yours very truly
C. C. Elvidge
Secty
Eugenia Hydro Electric Assn

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September 9, 1931.

Mr. C. C. Elvidge,
Secretary,
Hydro-Electric Association,
Durham, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 4th. Monday the 21st will suit me all right. I will be in Kincardine on that date.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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PIGOTT CONSTRUCTION CO. LIMITED
HAMILTON

Sept. 8/31

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meehan
Chairman of Ontario Hydro Commission
Toronto, Ont.

Honorable & Dear Sir:-

You may recall meeting me through General Mewburn at the Hamilton Club last year. I am writing to ask if you will be kind enough to see that we are given an opportunity to figure on the additions to the new Hydro offices.

You may possibly know that we are the general contractors for the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto at the corner of Bloor & Queen's Park now under construction. Loretto Abbey, Armour Heights, Toronto and St. Joseph's Hospital, Sunnyside, are two other recent Toronto contracts we have finished. In Hamilton you probably will recall the Pigott Building; C.N.R. Station, Bank of Montreal and many other monumental structures.

Although we are not Toronto contractors, our head office being in Hamilton, we feel that the Hydro being more or less Provincial in character, we should have an equal opportunity with others to secure this business.

Yours very truly,

PIGOTT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

JMP:MH

Joseph M. Pigott

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September 9, 1931.

Mr. Joseph M. Pigott,
Pigott Construction Co. Limited,
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Pigott:

I have your letter of 8th. No doubt at all tenders will be called for, and there is no reason in the world why you should not have the same chance as anyone else. I quite agree with you that Hydro activities are Ontario in character, and there should be no preference given to Toronto, or anywhere else in the Province.

Very sincerely yours,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Office of the Secretary

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 5TH EDITION
190 University Avenue, Toronto 2

September 10th, 1931.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

In confirmation with our telephone conversation this afternoon it has been arranged with the Mayor of Peterborough and one of the Alderman, of that city, to call at the office of the Commission on Monday at 12.00 o'clock noon to have an interview with yourself and Mr. Maguire, or either of you.

I tried to arrange this appointment for later on in the week without success.

I would be pleased if you would advise me at your early convenience if this arrangement is satisfactory to you.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY

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September 11, 1931.

Mr. W. W. Pope,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Pope:

I have your letter of September 10th. The arrangement you have made with the Mayor of Peterborough to call at the office of the Commission on Monday at 12 o'clock will be satisfactory to me.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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September 11, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I enclose a letter received by way of application for a position in the Hydro, from Leonard M. Norris. This young man is very highly recommended to me as faithful, intelligent and promising. You will observe he is at present employed at the Port Arthur Engineering Department.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen

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September 18, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I enclose letter from Donald W. Fleming together with enclosure. I think we should discuss this matter next Wednesday.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

AM/R.
Encl.

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September 18, 1931.

Donald E. Fleming, Esq.,
Room 5 Imperial Bank Bldg.,
Windsor, Ont.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I have your letter of 16th with enclosure. I expect this matter will be brought up at the next meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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DONALD W. FLEMING

GENERAL INSURANCE

ROOM 5 IMPERIAL BANK BLDG.
WINDSOR, ONT.

September 21, 1931.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.,
% Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have your letter of the 18th.

I will be in Toronto on business, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

I thought that possibly if this matter was brought up at your meeting on Wednesday there might be some statements made by your insurance department as to my not being able to carry this risk at the same rate or as competently as the present people in Toronto. These statements have been made to the Commission previously.

I would like very much if they are made again to have an opportunity of assuring the Commission that they are incorrect. In this event, if the Commission, or yourself, will be good enough, you can get in touch with me by calling Mr. H. B. Rowe, Manager of the Royal Exchange Insurance Co., 100 Adelaide St., W., Toronto. Mr. Rowe will know where I am at all times.

The Secretary of the Municipal Representatives has advised me that a copy of their minutes quoting the resolution as to the insurance, was forwarded last Friday, to Mr. Robertson, Superintendent of the Railway, in Toronto, with the request that this resolution be brought to the attention of the Commission.

I would like to assure you of my very deep appreciation of your assistance in this matter, and the trouble I am undoubtedly causing you.

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DONALD W. FLEMING
GENERAL INSURANCE
ROOM 5 IMPERIAL BANK BLDG.
WINDSOR, ONT.

Hon. Arthur Meighen September 21, 1931.

I will take the liberty, Wednesday afternoon, of getting in touch with you after the meeting, in order to hear the result.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

DWF/EL.

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Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

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September 21st, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am returning herewith the letter addressed to you under date of August 22nd, 1931, by Mr. Leonard M. Norris, together with copy of acknowledgment of the same which went forward on September 15th. This is for your information.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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849 Pape Avenue
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Aug. 22nd 1931.

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.
Chairman Hydro Electric
Toronto. Ont.

Dear Sir.

I beg to make application for a position in the Hydro Electric.

I am eighteen and have five years Technical training — two years in Surrey Lane School, London, England, and a three years Diploma from the Port Arthur Technical School where for the last two years I specialized in Draughting.

Upon leaving school I worked for a short period with Mr Blanchard an Architect. after which I obtained a position in the Engineering Department of the Port Arthur City Office where I have been for the last two years.

I trust that this application may receive favourable consideration

and remain

Yours Truly.
Leonard. M. Morris.

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Employees Relations Dep't.

September 15, 1931

Mr. Leonard M. Norris,
849, Pape Avenue,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 22nd, addressed to The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, has been referred to the Commission for answer.

In reply, we would advise you that we have noted the experience you have had but at the present time there is not a position which we can offer you. We would suggest, however, that you complete and return to us the attached application for employment with the Commission and should we be able to place you at a later date we will have complete details on file.

Regretting that we are unable to offer you a position at this time, we are,

Yours very truly,

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

Chief Engineer

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September 16, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is application for a position from Harry Parker. Mr. Parker is a son of the Mr. Parker who was Manager of the Head Office Bank of Montreal, Ottawa, for many years, and who is now retired. His qualifications as per the letter are correct.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

A.M./E.
Encl.

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September 21st, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 16th, with which you enclosed an application for position from Mr. Harry Parker. I am instructing our Employees' Relations Department to get in touch with this applicant and forward to him one of our regular application forms for completion.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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September 4, 1931.

David A. Robertson, Esq.,
Walkerton, Ont.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Further to the matter to which you referred in your interview yesterday, my information is that the Foshay interests have not given any contract as respects the Mildmay and Formosa systems, and that only the one respecting Cargill was completed. On this account the Hydro Commission has carried out the engagement as respects Cargill. I am also informed that the Hydro are in touch with the municipal authorities at Mildmay and Formosa, and that the question as to what their systems can be taken over at is primarily one for the municipalities to agree to. It is hoped some arrangement will follow negotiations.

Yours very truly,

AN/E. Arthur Meighen.

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SOLICITORS FOR THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

WALKERTON, ONTARIO

Personal

Sept. 24th, 1931.

Hon. Arthur Meighen,

Canadian General Securities.

Bay Street,

TORONTO, Ontario.

My dear Meighen;

Mr. W. D. Cargill was in my office sometime last week. He tells me that although the Hydro Electric Commission has taken over his plant, taken down some of the poles and re-placed others, and the deed of transfer has been executed, they have not paid him.

He cannot understand the delay and they have not answered his letters, and he needs the money.

I promised Cargill to call on you when in Toronto on Tuesday but found you were engaged at a meeting and he has just telephoned me .

Judging from your letter in regard to the Mildmay and Formosa matters, the Commission admits that they are taking over the Cargill plant; in fact they can hardly deny, having interfered with the lines, and I think they should pay the purchase price to Mr. Cargill promptly.

In regard to the Mildmay and Formosa Companies, I wrote you sending you the contracts and other documents to show that there were actual contracts for purchase entered into by the Foshay Company and Public Utilities Company, and I will be obliged if you will let me know the position of the Board.

I planned to drive over and see you on Sunday afternoon but found the contractor is paving the highway between Walkerton and Kincardine, with part blocked off, and it being so wet, I feared trying the detour.

Yours sincerely,
David Robertson

DR/CW.

Yours sincerely,
David Robertson

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September 25, 1931.

David Robertson, Esq., K. C.,
Walkerton, Ont.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I have your letter of 24th. Your former letter arrived and I may as well refer to it first. The Hydro officials take the ground that there was no delivery of any contract from the Foshay interests in respect of Mildmay and Formosa. They are, however, in touch with the situation and expect a report from their officers who are in conference with the municipalities, and as soon as they have this, they expect to be in a position to negotiate with representatives of the Companies, and I presume you are a representative.

As regards Mr. Cargill, the Hydro I am advised is not behind in its contract with him. The money is payable upon completion of certain works and transfer of customers, which I am advised is close to consummation now. The Chief Engineer advises me Mr. Cargill is quite aware of the terms.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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WELLAND COUNTY SHIP CANAL
INDUSTRIAL AREA
COMMISSION

LYNN B. SPENCER, K. C.
CHAIRMAN

JOHN E. JONES, M. E.
COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIES

Hydro

Welland, Ont.
Sept. 25th, 1931.

Right-Honourable Arthur Meighen,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I enclose a blue print showing a comparison of power costs based on a one hundred per cent load factor in cents per kilowat hour. This graf is made up from figures taken from the 1930 Blue Book. Note that Humberstone and Port Colborne are out of the picture entirely. Also note Welland's position with regard to London for example, 126 miles from the source of power.

I have been contending for a uniform rate throughout the Welland County Ship Canal industrial area, based on a minimum rate, which minimum rate in my opinion ought to be somewhat lower than Municipalities further distant from the source of power.

My Commission consists of six Municipalities, incorporated by Act of Parliament, and to date we have never been able to get anywhere in our power problems.

Yours sincerely,

LBS/P

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September 26, 1931.

Lynn B. Spencer, Esq., K. C.,
Welland, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I have your two letters of yesterday. I may have an opportunity next week of taking up both these matters, and will be writing you later.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. Albert Doyle. This woman was once a servant for Mrs. Meighen for a considerable time, so we try to help her and her husband whenever we can. He seems to think he should be appointed to a vacancy on the Inspectors' staff at Hamilton. I know all I can say is that they have six children, or perhaps more, and he lost his seniority by war service, inasmuch as he entered into the British force instead of the Canadian. Consequently he is having a very hard time on very little work.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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September 28th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have your favour of September 25th, with which you enclosed a letter from Mrs. Albert Doyle in behalf of her husband, and shall take the first opportunity of discussing this matter with Mr. Waller.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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House of Commons
Canada

Sept 28/31

Hon Mr Meighen

Dear Friend Just a note to find out when I could interview yourself and Mr R. Cooke re a property in Dutzroy township That is to be appropriated by Hydro Commission of Ontario if you two or the three members of Commn would happen to be in Ottawa or vicinity in near future we could discuss it here if not I will be pleased to go to Toronto any time at your suggestion With thanks Sincerely yours W Garland

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Hydro

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September 30, 1931.

W. F. Garland, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Garland:

I have your letter of 28th. I will probably be in Ottawa shortly, but don't know as to Mr. Cooke's moves. Outside of being in Ottawa, I expect to be here right along. Will phone you if I go to Ottawa this week or early next.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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LYNN B. SPENCER, K. C.
WELLAND, ONT.

September 25th, 1931.

Right-Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Enclosed I send copy of a letter that I have this day written to Mr. Breuls. I thought perhaps you might not mind taking a friendly interest and calling Mr. Breuls on the telephone.

I do not ask you to interfere at all, but of course I know how Hydro officials feel with regard to me, and perhaps a word from you might help.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

LBS/P

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September 25th, 1931.

Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Legal Department,
University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir: Attention Mr. Breuls.

With regard to my claim I can not possibly see my way clear to accepting your offer of $ 100.00 a tower and $ 100.00 per acre for the bush.

The Ontario Agricultural Department's representative, Mr. Hamilton, valued the front portion of this farm at $ 300.00 an acre and I have sold lands off the adjoining farm at $ 200.00 an acre, but I am hard up and I would be willing to reduce my offer to $ 300.00 a tower and $ 150.00 an acre for the bush, if I could get the matter settled up at once.

When I say I will take $ 300.00 a tower, I am advised by others in the same Township that you paid over $ 300.00 a tower in the construction of other lines.

May I hear from you in the course of the next few days.

Yours very truly,

LBS/P "Lynn B. Spencer"

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October 2, 1931.

Lynn B. Spencer, Esq., K. C.,
Welland, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I have now had an opportunity to have a talk with Mr. Breuls. The case he presents is based upon the prices paid to you for similar easements from the neighbours, and on the figures he gave me your price yet is away above that paid them and above what the officials feel is fair. I cannot have pointed out to you when you were in that the law in this matter is not the same as it was. If you are not satisfied, you can ask for the Government Valuator to come in. This man has no connection with the Commission. If then you are not satisfied, you can go to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board by way of appeal. This simplifies the facilities for appeal and renders them a great deal less expensive.

I am not able yet to write you in regard to the general subject of rates, but will be writing later.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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October 2, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Mr. Lynn Spencer. He was in to see me the other day and complains of discrimination against Welland and Welland district, especially Humberstone and Port Colborne, in the matter of Hydro rates. I wonder if you could have one of your officers give me a memorandum on this which I could forward to Mr. Spencer.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

AM/E.
Encl.

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109 Williamson Road,
Toronto, October 3, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Campbellford Pulp Mill.

Dear Sir:--

This is to acknowledge your favor of Sept. 24th, for which I thank you. In reply thereto I would point out, however, that your letter again fails to answer some specific questions which I have previously placed before you, and which, if there were answered, would, I think, permit me to get along with the task of interesting the desired purchaser.

I have not asked for any preference, for option, or for exclusive listing or agency up to this time. All I desire to know is as to what is the sale price you want for the Campbellford mill, how the commission desires the purchase price paid, and what would be the terms of purchase of the pulpwood you already have on hand at the mill, provided the latter were purchased.

In a previous interview I was given to understand that the commission was asking a net price of $60,000 for the mill, and I was given to understand, I think, that the barking plant was included at that price. That price looks fairly satisfactory, but, in order to permit the commission to pay a commission on the sale, which I presume is usual in such cases, I have suggested that you make the price $65,000, and that you give me an undertaking to pay a commission of 10% of gross sale price if a sale is made to my customer at a price and upon terms acceptable to the commission.

To my mind, such an arrangement is quite simple, and I can not understand why I can not secure from the commission some definite pronouncement on these points. As I pointed out in a previous interview, I have a customer for the entire output of the mill for export, but, in order to secure the output, it would seem that the mill will also have to be purchased. That being the case, our people are prepared to consider a purchase; but the principals are abroad, and are not likely to come here unless we can get this transaction on the way to some definite basis. That being the case, it is almost

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impossible, again, to get any kind of a proposition from those people which would result in a sale until and unless I can give them a fairly accurate idea as to just what the plant is likely to cost and the terms of payment, so that provision can be made to secure the necessary capital in those ways which may be deemed expedient.

As your letter states that the commission is not giving any preference to any proposed purchaser, I would repeat that I have not asked for any preference. I would assume, however, that—as no preference at this time will be given or requested,—the party who first comes along with his purchase money, at a price and upon terms acceptable to the commission, would be given the opportunity to make the purchase, and that, if a purchase is made, the commission would be prepared to pay a commission when the purchase is made. To my mind, that seems reasonable. Therefore, why not state, clearly and unmistakably, what price you want for the Campbellford mill, how must the price be paid, what price for the pulpwood in stock, and what terms of payment will be accepted.

I will hope for an early and specific reply to these questions.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) G. M. Thompson

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October 5th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
Investment Bankers,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 2nd, with which you enclosed a communication from Mr. Spencer, Chairman of the Welland County Ship Canal Industrial Area Commission and dated September 25th, 1931. Previous letters have been received from Mr. Spencer in regard to the question of rates throughout the Welland County Ship Canal Industrial Area and the Commission, after very carefully considering in detail the information submitted to it by Mr. Spencer, finally dealt with the same on May 6th, 1931, and a letter was forwarded to Mr. Spencer under date of May 6th, setting forth the position of the Commission in relation to these municipalities. A copy of this letter is enclosed herewith for your information, as well as copies of memoranda in reference thereto and a subsequent

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October 5th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

letter forwarded to Mr. Spencer under date of May 21st, 1931, again setting forth the position of the Commission in regard to the rates in this particular district.

Trusting this information will be sufficient for your purpose, I am,

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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WELLAND COUNTY SHIP CANAL INDUSTRIAL
AREA COMMISSION.

Welland, Ont., May 8, 1931.

Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:-

I have your letter of May 6th in reply to a recent letter of mine.

It does not tell me anything that I did not know. Unfortunately for this district we are faced with the facts that power is being generated at our doors and sold one hundred miles away from us at less cost than we can purchase it for, and then you talk about being Trustees for the Municipalities. I am just wondering how faithful you were to your trust with regard to these municipalities which I represent.

We do not wish to have a general dissertation on Trusteeship. We want to know why our rates are higher, and why they cannot be lowered, and whose fault it is that they are higher, and who is to blame for not tackling this proposition long ago.

As the Trustees of these Municipalities, and as one of your cestui que trusts I would be very pleased if you would have these questions of mine answered in black and white. It is so easy for misunderstandings to arise over a conversation, and I would much prefer if you would answer by letter, and then if there are further explanations necessary we might have an interview with one of your engineers later on.

Yours very truly,

(SGD) L.B. SPENCER,

CHAIRMAN.

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Memoranda to Commission

MAY 16, 1931

TO CHIEF ENGINEER:

Re - Welland County Ship Canal Industrial Area Commission

A memo was submitted to the Commission under date of May 4, 1931, in connection with a letter received from Mr. L.B. Spencer, Chairman of the Welland County Ship Canal Industrial Area Commission, and a reply was forwarded by the Secretary to Mr. Spencer under date of May 6th regarding this matter. A further letter has been received from Mr. Spencer under date of May 8th in which he advises that he is not satisfied with the reply given to his letter by the Secretary.

I would ask your instructions as to what further reply shall be forwarded to Mr. Spencer in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

JJJ/CW

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Memoranda to Commission

- COPY -

Toronto, May 4th, 1931

TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER:

RE: WELLAND COUNTY SHIP CANAL
INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMISSION

We are in receipt of a letter, dated April 28th, 1931, from Mr. L. B. Spencer, K.C., Chairman of the Welland County Ship Canal Industrial Area Commission, (copy of which letter is attached hereto), in which he requests the Commission to consider the establishment of a uniform rate for all power supplied in the Welland County Ship Canal Industrial Area.

I would recommend that a reply be forwarded to Mr. Spencer, stating that the rates for power supplied to Municipalities are not fixed on an arbitrary basis by the Commission but are fixed under the terms and conditions set out in the Power Commission Act, and, under these circumstances, the Commission cannot consider this request to arbitrarily fix a flat rate for all power supplied by the Commission in the Welland County Ship Canal Industrial Area.

I would ask your instructions in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

RTJ:M

CHIEF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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WELLAND COUNTY SHIP CANAL
INDUSTRIAL AREA
COMMISSION

Welland, Ontario,
April 28th, 1931

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed please find comparison of Hydro-Electric power rates. I would call your attention to the following facts:-

(a) This Commission is an incorporated Commission, controlling the industrial area throughout the County of Welland on the Ship Canal, and it is of utmost importance to equalize power rates throughout this area on a basis of the minimum rate:

(b) Note the high cost of power in Port Colborne, Thorold, Crowland and Humberstone Townships, where most industries must locate because of the contracted boundaries of Welland and with the power rates quoted for these Municipalities we cannot interest industry.

(c) Note the distance from the generating station of London, Guelph and Hamilton, and yet Welland, one of the pioneer Municipalities in electrical development, is paying more for its power.

I would be pleased if you would take this matter under your advisement, towards the establishment of a uniform rate over the whole area of the Commission, which consists of the Town of Port Colborne, Township of Humberstone, Village of Humberstone, Township of Crowland, City of Welland, Township of Thorold, and which rate shall be no greater than the Welland rate.

Our Engineer, Mr. Jones, will be glad to discuss this matter in detail, and the Commission will be very pleased to meet the representatives of your body at any time. There will be a meeting of the Commission the first Friday in every month.

Yours truly,

"L. B. Spencer", Chairman

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- COPY -

May 6th, 1931.

Mr. L. R. Spencer, K.C.,
Chairman, Welland County Ship Canal
Industrial Area Commission,
WELLAND, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of April 28th, in which your Commission requests this Commission to supply power to the Industrial Area of which your Commission has jurisdiction, at a uniform rate over the whole area.

This matter has been considered by the Commission and I am instructed to state that the Commission operates under a special Act, - "The Power Commission Act",- which very definitely sets out the basis on which the cost of power to the various Municipalities having contracts with the Commission is to be calculated and determined.

The fixing of rates in the Industrial Area set out in your letter cannot be done arbitrarily by the Commission, as the Commission merely acts as Trustee for the Municipalities with which it has contracts, and, therefore, the rates for power supplied to the Municipalities in this area cannot be fixed on an arbitrary basis without violating the Act under which the Commission was established and has been operating since 1909.

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In further reply to Paragraph (e) of your letter, in which you compare the cost of power in Welland with the cost of power in London, Guelph and Hamilton, I would again repeat that the cost of power to the four Municipalities mentioned in this paragraph is fixed by the Commission on the basis of cost, as set out in the Power Commission Act.

I believe that your Engineer, Mr. Jones, took this matter up with our Engineers sometime ago, and, at the time we thought he understood the basic principles on which the cost of power are determined by the Commission. However, we would be pleased to have one of our Engineers see your Mr. Jones some time when he is in Welland and again go into this matter with him in detail.

Yours very truly,

RTJ:M. SECRETARY.

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May 21st, 1931.

Mr. Meighen

Mr. L.V. Spencer, K.C.,
Chairman, Welland County Ship Canal,
Industrial Area Commission,
Welland, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of April 28th, has been brought to the attention of the Commission and I am instructed to advise you that our letter of May 6th fully explains the position of the Commission in relation to the municipalities.

There is no doubt that the rates within the rural municipalities mentioned in your letter above referred to will be materially affected by the establishment of industry in this district. The greater the number of industries, the greater the diversity and the lower the rates can be made in any particular district, and the Commission will be only too glad to arrange for its engineers to co-operate with you in the giving of information as to the probable rate that can be established in any district for any prospective industry which is considering such locality.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY.

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October 9, 1931.

Lynn B. Spencer, Esq., K. C.,
Welland, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Further to my previous letters I have had a talk this week on the matter of the rate discrimination about which you have written.

The point is that rates are determined on the basis of cost, and the cost is determined not merely on one factor but on several. Distance itself is, of course, a factor, that is distance from the source of supply. Another element and a very important element though is the number of consumers along the line, and in the centre toward which the line reaches. As these consumers multiply, the cost to each is lower necessarily, because there are more consumers in proportion to the capital invested and to the tariff charges. Furthermore, a wider diversity of consumers so works out as to enable the distributing system to sell a higher multiple of the power bought than can otherwise be done. In Toronto, for example, they sell, I understand, over three times the power purchased, because the diversity and the average low load factor enable them to do so. Naturally this very much reduces the price.

In contrast I understand the load factor of certain large consumers in Welland is quite high as they run practically the twenty-four hours. The big point is that the Hydro is compelled under the law to sell at cost and does so.

Very sincerely yours,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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October 5th, 1931.

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner, H. E. P. C. of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Could you make arrangements to go to a meeting at Welland at 6.30 p.m., on Thursday, October the 15th, which would take the place of the meeting that we had intended to have at Kitchener on the 12th.

In your letter of the 25th of September you suggested that you would prefer noon to night, and it is unfortunate that, while most Service Clubs hold their affairs at noon, all those that we have made arrangements with, always hold theirs in the evening, both Windsor and Welland meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Trusting you will be able to make the necessary arrangements, I am,

Sincerely yours,

T. J. Hannigan

TJH/KC.

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October 5th, 1931.

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner, H. E. P. C. of Ontario.
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have two further requests for meetings by you, and while it seems like imposing on good nature, if you can arrange for these I will not ask you to take any further meetings until each of the other members of the Commission have taken as many as you.

The Town of Picton would like to have you on whatever date you find satisfactory.

The City of Kitchener would like to have you on the 12th of November.

Would you be good enough to give these your consideration and advise me as soon as convenient just what you can do about them.

Yours very truly,

T. J. Hannigan
Secretary.

TJH/KC.

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October 7, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I intended seeing you at the meeting to-day, but as you had to leave for Brantford, am writing you instead.

I am to speak on the 15th in Welland. Would like a memorandum as soon as I can get it, giving the outstanding facts and as well reasons for the purchases of outside power. This phase of Hydro operations I did not touch on in Kincardine. I would like the calculations as to probable consumption, etc.

I would also like, especially for Welland, a memorandum on the reasons for higher charges in Welland and the Welland Canal District, that is in centres like say London and Guelph. It is not improbable that I will be interrupted with questions at Welland, as you can understand, and I want to be fully armed with facts and figures.

Very truly yours,

AM/E.

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October 14, 1931.

Mr. T. J. Hannigan,
Guelph, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hannigan:

Perhaps in addition to our interview I should reply in writing to your two letters of Oct. 5th. I could not at present undertake the Welland and Windsor meetings. Am most anxious to fulfil to the utmost my duties as Commissioner and will do the best I can as to other places sometime later, but I fear I could not go further this year.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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T. J. PATTON
NORTH BAY, ONTARIO

Oct. 5. 31

Hon Arthur Meighen
Hydro Commission
Toronto

Dear Sir—

The undersigned is preparing his Presidential report for the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce for Annual Meeting in Windsor Oct. 14-15-16— I am anxious to include a brief resume of Hydro activities — I shall take it as a personal favor if you will send me by first available mail your contribution that I may use his material in my report — The writer has acted several

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T. J. PATTON
NORTH BAY, ONTARIO

time as your Chairman at political meetings here. Of course please do not hold that against me

Yours truly
T. J. Patton
Drawer 66

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October 9, 1931.

Mr. T. J. Patton,
North Bay, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Patton:

I have yours of 5th, and am asking Mr. Gaby to send you a pamphlet published on "The History of Hydro" together with supplementary pamphlet bringing it up to date. This I think will give you the information which you desire, and this I am very pleased to do.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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October 10th, 1931.

Mr. T. J. Patton,
North Bay,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Patton:-

At the request of Mr. Meighen, I am having forwarded to you to-day, under separate cover, certain publications recently issued by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and trust that from these you will be able to obtain all the data required for use in your Presidential address to the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade.

Should you require anything further in this connection, I shall be only too glad to furnish the same upon hearing from you again.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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House of Commons
Canada

Oct 9-31

Hon A Meighen

Dear Sir I thought that I had better write you and make an appointment to meet you next week as soon as possible after holiday. The matter I wish to take up with you is a valuation on Stein property at Galetta. Hoping to hear from you as early as possible & that you are keeping fit

I remain
Yours truly
Jas F Garland.

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Hydro 129426

October 10, 1931.

Mr. Wm. F. Garland
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Garland:

I have your letter of 9th. Valuations of properties taken over by the Hydro are made differently now to what they were. If the owner and the Right-of-way Department cannot agree on a price, the Provincial Government has appointed a man whose name I forget, but he is an appointee of the Government and not of the Hydro and absolutely independent between the Hydro and the owner, and it is his business to put a valuation on the property in the event of such a discrimination. If then, the owner is unwilling to accept, he can take the matter to the Railway Municipal Board of Ontario. Formerly all these had to go to the Courts, but the method now devised is much simpler and cheaper. The Commission itself has nothing at all to do with valuations, but, of course, is responsible that all are made fairly or rather is responsible to see that it does not pay more than what is fair unless ordered to do so by the Railway Municipal Board.

Perhaps the above information would enable you to write me and specifically set out what the difficulty is and save you coming up. I expect to be down next week, but I cannot yet set the day.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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October 9, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Would you be good enough to send to Mr. T. J. Patton, North Bay Ontario, a copy of that pamphlet which gives a history of the Hydro undertaking, and also of the supplementary pamphlet bringing it up to date. Mr. Patton wants it for use in his Presidential report to the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

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Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION

190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

October 10th, 1931.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Bay St.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am in receipt of your communication of October 9th, and am to-day having forwarded to Mr. T. J. Patton of North Bay, Ontario, copies of the pamphlets referred to, together with a copy of the reprint from the Canadian Engineer of September 15th, 1931, entitled "Hydro Exhibits Remarkable Growth," as well as the statement recently issued by the Commission in reference to the St. Lawrence. These I trust Mr. Patton will find sufficient for his purpose.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

ENCLOSURE

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Hydro

House of Commons
Canada

Prescott, Ontario,
October 1st. 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner, Hydro-Electric
Power Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Information has come to me to the effect that through a change of policy of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission they are appointing solicitors in the various districts to look after their work in connection with their rights-of-way.

In view of the fact that there is likely to be considerable work done in Eastern Ontario in the future I would like, if possible, if my firm could secure this appointment.

I would appreciate anything that you may be able to do in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

A C Casselman

A. C. CASSELMAN

ACC/MB

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October 13, 1931.

Mr. A. C. Casselman,
Prescott, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Casselman:

You will think it very negligent of me not to have answered your letter of October 1st earlier. The fact is I did not neglect it, but took up the subject at once with the Head of the Legal Department under which the Right-of-Way Department comes.

Since that time Mr. Lucas has written you and you know the situation now. I think I can assure you that any business in your district will go to you, and if you find anything to the contrary happening, please let me know at once.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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October 13, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I enclose letter received from Walter D. Findlay, Shawville, Que., regarding which I spoke to you over the 'phone on Saturday. Am also enclosing letters in his behalf from Mr. Dan McLachlin, Geo. J. Bryson and Charles Belec, M. P. Note especially that this man has not only an excellent record of service but has a family to support.

I have written him that you will see that a close watch is kept on the work there, so that if the services of a man of his type are needed, he can be advised.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

AM/E.
Encl.

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October 14, 1931.

Mr. A. W. Merriam,
Secretary to the Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Merriam:

I am writing as a member of the Hydro Commission of Ontario. The Commission has requested the Chief Engineer (Mr. Gaby) and myself to see the Prime Minister with regard to certain gold payment obligations in which the Commission is concerned, both as debtor and creditor.

Please advise the Prime Minister that I quite realize how very heavily pressed he is, and that I am very confident a short interview would be sufficient. I shall report to your office about 9.30 on Saturday morning, but meantime would like to be advised that we can be heard.

I may say a very important payment is due on Tuesday next, and consequently delay is impossible.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Toronto, October 15, 1931.

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Lions Club,
Welland, Ont.

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Hydro - Wed.

101 Wells Hill Ave.,
Toronto, Oct. 16th,1931/

Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Elctric Power Commissioner,
National Bldg.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Hydro Electric Power Commission
and Electric Refrigerator Co.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

No one is more sensitive regarding the good name of the Hydro Power Commission and respect for the memory of the late Sir Adam Beck than myself.

I have sought for some years to clear up the mystery that surrounds the question at issue between the Commission and the Company.

The Company has been frank in all its statements and has nothing to conceal. If the Commission were likewise, I feel that an Honorable and equitable adjustment can yet be made of the matter in question.

Confirming what I have already told you, I desire to briefly outline the facts, which facts you can doubtles verify from the Commissions records.

The Commissions policy for marketing domestic electric-refrigerators, was outlined by its representative Mr. Madden to my son immediately upon his return from overseas in January 1919, and the order now in question was promised provisionally.

Because of the order and other promises, the incentive was very great. My son took all the risk. After two years of intensive and exclusive application and considerable expenditure of money, success was achieved, and following a final test in the Commission's laboratories, on March 2nd, 1921, and acceptance by their engineering department, the order was given on May 23rd and accepted by the Company in good faith. The Commission's minutes I understand show that on June 9th, the order was recommended by the engineer. (Mr. Gaby).

An urgent appeal was made by the Commission to speed production, and the Company expended its capital in complying with their request.

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Apparently a change of policy was adopted by the Commission, but no intimation of the same was communicated to the Company either directly or indirectly until my interview with Mr. Gaby on Sept. 29th. Meanwhile the Commission took delivery of and paid for refrigerators, thus validating the order. Furthermore refrigerators were exhibited at the Canadian National Exhibition as "Hydro" refrigerators and attracted world wide attention; they were also on display in Hydro Showrooms.

Sir Adam Beck told me that he did not know all the facts and promised to meet me with Mr. Gaby present, and said that he would give instructions to have full information furnished for the meeting. Later on he explained how difficult it was for him to keep the appointment. Had he lived I feel sure that due explanations would have been given and an honorable settlement made.

During the Settell investigation we refrained from adding to Sir Adam Beck's worries. I recall one of his public utterances; "I hope that there will be no stain on this great enterprise on account of the short comings of any one involved in it". This also is my hope and I believe it is yours also.

Sincerely yours,

Alex Keith

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October 17th, 1931.

Hon. J.R. Cooke,
Chairman of Ontario Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

I am taking the liberty of submitting for your consideration a proposal that the Commission use advertising space in the daily newspapers of the Province to place before all the public frankly and as fully as circumstances will permit a statement of Hydro business, policies, responsibilities, and undertakings.

Many privately owned public utilities on the Continent have found it much to their advantage to take into their confidence the public whom they serve, and for this purpose they use space in the daily newspapers.

It would seem, therefore, in line with good policy for a publicly owned utility of such magnitude as the Hydro in Ontario to do something of the kind.

Misunderstandings often result from incorrect information. Careless -- perhaps sometimes wilful-- misrepresentation leads to undeserved hostile criticism which would be silenced quickly by an official statement of the truth.

Shareholders in any enterprize delight to be fully informed in even trivial details of a business.

Daily newspapers present the one best and most direct means of reaching every part of the Province. Newspaper editors are the closest readers of their own and other newspapers, and with these officially authoritative statements before their eyes in their own columns, there would be less likelihood of their stumbling into an expression of an opinion as to Hydro business not justified by the facts.

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The Commission deserves and should have the sympathetic support of both the press and the people of the Province, and it is with the conviction that this could be accomplished quickly and effectively that this proposal is made.

The publication of the Hydro's annual statement and of the public addresses by Members of the Commission no doubt go a long way to place Hydro in its proper light before the people of the Province, but these lack continuity, and unfortunately they are soon forgotten.

Only iteration and re-iteration will establish and confirm the truth in the minds of many.

A persistent campaign with carefully prepared advertisements inserted in the daily newspapers at regular intervals - say once a week - during the year is the simplest and most direct way to secure the whole-hearted co-operation and support of all those interested, and bring to this enterprize the full measure of its present possibilities and future visions.

Hydro Extensions, Hydro Acquisitions, Hydro Activities, could be told. Hydro has so much to be proud of that a story of its accomplishments, chapter by chapter, set out skilfully and repeated would add tremendously to its prestige. The lamentable ignorance of Hydro business of the average Ontario taxpayer is conceded. By educating him and making it possible for him to learn all about the Hydro which he owns (and uses), an impregnable goodwill can be created.

Very few are competent to analyze an Annual Financial Statement or Report. It would seem worth while immediately after Hydro had published its annual statement to follow with a few advertisements, analyzing the report -- the high lights might be explained and emphasized -- significant totals pointed to and their relation to other figures demonstrated, so that the Ontario taxpayer unfamiliar with finance could understand what has happened in his Hydro business.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

GES:B

Geo. E. Geroyge

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R. L. DOBBIN
GENERAL MANAGER
223 AYLMER ST.

PETERBOROUGH UTILITIES COMMISSION

HYDRO-ELECTRIC, WATERWORKS AND GAS
PETERBOROUGH, CANADA

October 16th. 1931.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
The Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto. Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I am writing on behalf of the Peterborough Rotary Club to invite you to address the club, and other citizens on the activities of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Our regular meetings are held on Monday at noon, and we would like you to come any of these dates in November.

If you can grant our request we will see that you have a suitable audience of representative local citizens.

If any date other than those suggested would suit you better we will endeavour to meet your wishes.

Hoping for a favourable reply, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Peterborough Utilities Commission.

R. L. Dobbin

General Manager.

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Hydro 129440

October 20, 1931.

R. L. Dobbin, Esq.,
223 Aylmer St.,
Peterborough, Ont.

Dear Mr. Dobbin:

I have your letter of 16th. Have just completed three meetings, which was the programme I undertook for this year insofar as speaking is concerned, on behalf of the Hydro Electric Commission.

Am very sorry to say it is impossible for me to make further engagements now. Pressure of work is the only reason, as otherwise I would indeed be glad to go to Peterborough and comply with your kind request.

Sincerest good wishes,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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C. Alfred Maguire, Commissioner
Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc. Chief Engineer

EASTERN ONTARIO SYSTEM
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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Operating Department

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ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

O.R. Thomson

DRAWER 40
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

October 20th, 1931.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir,-

Personal

At the November meeting of Moira Chapter #7 of R.A.M. it is the intention of the executive to fill all chairs with Hydro employees and exemplify the Royal Arch Degree. The two candidates for this evening will be Mr. G.B. Smith, Superintendent Eastern Ontario System of H.E.P.C. and Mr. L.C.Richardson, Master Mechanic of the same System. I have been authorized by the first Principal and the executive to extend to you, if you are a Chapter member, an invitation to be present, and in any event to request you to address the assembly at the banquet immediately following the degree work, upon any subject that you may prefer.

The date of the meeting may be varied to Nov. 23rd, 24th 26th or 27th to suit your convenience, though either the 23rd or 24th would be most suitable for our purpose. We anticipate about 125 being present from this immediate district and the degree work, the banquet and your speech will be the only features of the evening.

Trusting that you will be able to favour us, we remain

Fraternally yours,

O.R. Thomson

Assistant Superintendent.

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October 22, 1931.

O. R. Thomson, Esq.,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
Belleville, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

It was exceedingly kind of you to write me in the terms of your letter of October 19th, inviting me to be present at the November meeting of Moira Chapter #7 of R. A. M., and to address the assembly.

I regret, however, that it will be impossible for me to underteke to be in Belleville at that time. Absence from Ontario will prevent me until the last week in November, and then I have underteken some cases in the Exchequer Court which will occupy my time well into December.

Am sorry indeed, as I would very much enjoy a visit to Belleville.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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October 21st, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Corporation,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to the Globe's editorial of October 17th, in reference to your speech of October 15th; I note that the Globe states -

> "There are, and always have been in Ontario, power sites capable of developing all the power which Ontario now needs, or will need for many years to come."

I think it would be interesting to have from the Globe a statement as to what water powers have been available in Ontario which would have been capable of supplying the power which has been purchased from the Gatineau Power Company and others, and within economic transmission distance of Southern Ontario.

As you know the powers on the Ottawa River were all tied up until the year 1927 and those on the Niagara and St. Lawrence Rivers are still not available.

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Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
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347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to our conversation of Saturday last, in which reference was made to various articles appearing in the Wall Street Journal on the War Reparations; I find that I did not keep the clippings to which I had reference regarding discussions on the ability of foreign countries to make payment to the United States, in view of the drop in commodity prices. I, however, distinctly recollect the various arguments and editorials published in this paper, setting forth the suggestion that the payments had been very much appreciated in value, in view of the drop in commodities.

I am giving below a list of clippings which have been placed on our files and if any of these should be of interest to you we shall be very pleased to let you have the same:-

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

WALL STREET JOURNAL OF NEW YORK

March 3rd, 1931	Gold- - - - - - - -	by Thomas F. Woodlock
March 24th, 1931	Money - - - - - - - -	" " " "
April 15th, 1931	Unlimited Gold - -	" " " "
June 15th, 1931	The War Debts - -	" " " "
July 9th, 1931	Gold Standard - -	" " " "
July 13th, 1931	Moratorium - - -	" " " "
July 22nd, 1931	International Currency	- by J.C.B.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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October 22, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Referring to your two letters of 21st, I intend to prepare, as soon as I can, a memo just for the information of the Globe editor. Have had a hint that he would like same. This memo will include among other things the facts impressed upon me in your letter.

I would also like to receive the article of June 15, 1931, in the Wall Street Journal on War Debts.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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October 23, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Would you be good enough to send to Mr. J. D. Palmer, Fredricton, N. B., a copy of your address delivered in June last at Ottawa and printed in the Bulletin. I hope you can spare him one. He will return it if you so desire. Mr. Palmer is a member of the Hydro Electric Commission of N. B.

I may add that while visiting me yesterday, he asked me to ascertain whether it would be possible for the Commission to have yourself or one of your leading engineers confer with their Commission through its Chief Engineer, with a view to making suggestions as to their own N. B. service.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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October 26th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

In compliance with your request of October 23rd, I am forwarding copies of the Bulletin in which the address referred to appears, the final issue being that of October which will be published within the next couple of weeks, or so.

With regard to arrangements for an engineer to assist the New Brunswick Commission in dealing with the problems that they have before them, I may say that we have in the past rendered service to this Commission by permitting our engineers to consult with theirs, and I would recommend that the Commission again assist the above mentioned Commission in this respect.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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October 24, 1931.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Chairman, Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

I am going to send to you as the special champion of farmers' rights on the Hydro Commission a letter just received from Mrs. W. G. Barrie of Norwood.

The usual newspaper attempts to put sensational headlines on their reports has brought me quite a number of letters lately.

I think it would be well to have a memorandum prepared on this subject of rural service, setting out in very clear terms just what the situation is and what special assistance has been given by the Government to meet it, and what progress is following the Hydro and the Government's efforts to give service to farmers. If we had some of these memoranda prepared and manifolded, I could use them quite often. Reference should be made to the very different condition Ontario farmers are in to the farmers of any other Province or for that matter, any other State.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

P.S.--Please return the letter.

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Answered by the Commission Dec. 18/31

R. R. 2 , Norwood, Ont.,

Oct. 21, 1931.

Mr. Arthur Meighen,

Hydro Commissioner ,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir :-

I have read in the Globe of Oct. 20th an article entitled " Sharp Challenge to Hydro's Critics Issued by Meighen" and I'm writing my criticism of the actions of the Ont. Hydro Commission toward the farm women of Ontario. I do not know that I shall be able to express in writing the bitterness we feel toward the Commission in depriving us of this district at any rate, of the benefits of this so-called Electric Age. You and your wives and daughters enjoy its benefits in all your smug selfishness and would think you were badly abused if you had to use coal oil lamps , and old-fashioned irons, stoves, washing machines, and cleaners. Yet you so arranged it that when in March 1929 we tried to get a hydro electric line through here, we farmers would have to sign a twenty year contract and worst of all, pay a service charge every month of $ 4.55 while you in the towns paid only 33 ¢ . I wrote to relatives to find out their service charge in the city and that is what it was . Also, there must be three farmers to the mile who will sign the contracts before the line will go through. The injustice of all that made the farmers unwilling to sign and now that depression has swept away about two-thirds of the farmers' income, what chance have some of us to install electricity during our lifetime ?

Of course, there was much explanation, or excuse, shall I call it, given for this difference in service charge . It was supposed to cost the Commission more than they could pay to give farmers electric power at the same rate as those of the city paid . Of late we have been inclined to doubt the truth of this inability to equalize rates or to give a flat rate for city and country alike, after reading in the newspapers accounts of the way the Commission has been spending public money in the last months.

If all those millions used to buy out plants and Companies worth so little ,and the thousands paid out to John Aird Jr. for services which, to quote one of your own Conservative newspapers, should have been performed by members of the Commission , would have been used to sell hydro to the country people at a reasonable rate , how much better it would have been!

As I toiled over a hot wood stove cooking and ironing during the hot summer, as I clean and fill dim coal-oil lamps and do without an electric washing machine and cleaner , and as the spectre of fear hangs constantly over me that the children will pull the lamp off the table and be burned or that my husband will meet with serious accident with a lantern in the barn , I despise the men who have caused so much of the Hydro scandal and made us the laughing stock of other countries , who will cause to go down in History the sordid story of greed and graft , and who have cheated me and thousands of other country women of our right to electric power in our homes at a reasonable cost . Why don't you at least resign and give others a chance to distribute our electric power justly ?

Yours very truly ,

(Mrs) W. G. Barrie

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October 27, 1931.

Mrs. W. G. Barrie,
Norwood, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

I duly received your letter of recent date. The impression you have received from newspaper accounts is incorrect. I have issued no challenges of any kind; indeed, on the contrary, I have made it quite clear that the Hydro Commission, the same as any other organization, is liable to make errors and has made errors, but I have contended that on the whole its work has been excellently done, that its present position is a credit to its management, and that it has served this Province well.

With regard to the other matter to which you refer, that is the supplying of power and light for rural service through Ontario, I am enclosing a memorandum prepared by the officers of Hydro, which sets out the facts. I think the only reasonable conclusion is that Hydro has clearly not failed in its duty in this regard.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Arthur Meighen.

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October 27th, 1931.

War Debts

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am in receipt of your communication of October 22nd, and am enclosing herewith a copy of the article on War Debts which appeared in the Wall Street Journal of June 15th, 1931.

I am also enclosing a memorandum re "Attacks and Investigations", but before using this I should like very much to discuss the same with you.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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October 29, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I acknowledge your letter of 27th enclosing newspaper clipping and memorandum on "Attacks and Investigations", which will be placed before Mr. Meighen upon his return.

I understood from Mr. Meighen the other day that you were to send up a memorandum to be used in answering a letter of complaint which he received relativeto Hydro service in rural communities, but have not yet received it. Will be glad to have it as soon as convenient.

Yours very truly,

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Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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MEMORANDUM RE ATTACKS AND INVESTIGATIONS

During its twenty-five years of successful operation, the work of the electrical undertaking of Ontario municipalities has been the object of several attacks and of two provincial government investigations.

With respect to the attacks upon its work, these have usually originated from sources outside the Province. For the most part the Commission has ignored these attacks, but in the case of two which were sponsored by well-known public organizations, it published in pamphlet form official refutations. These formal statements were accepted as dealing satisfactorily and effectually with these situations.

With regard to the two government investigations referred to, the first related solely to the proposals of the Commission and certain associated municipalities to construct a system of high-speed electric railways. This investigating Radial Railway Commission was commonly known as the "Sutherland Commission."

The Sutherland Commission was appointed in July, 1920. It issued its report in brief to the public press in August, 1921, and the report in full was printed in December, 1921. When appointed, it was anticipated that its investigations would occupy but a short time and that its cost would be relatively small. Its investigations, however, occupied more than a year and the cost aggregated about $525,000. This report was generally regarded as unsuitable to serve as a criterion by which either to approve or to condemn, from a competent and independent standpoint, the particular projects under consideration.

The second investigation was broader in scope and was made by the Hydro-Electric Inquiry Commission commonly known as the "Gregory Commission." The principal object of this investigation was to determine whether or not the Commission had exercised proper judgment in proceeding with, and proper economy in constructing, certain power developments - notably the Queenston-Chippawa development, to which seven out of eight of the clauses of the official instructions to the Commission specifically relate.

The Gregory Commission was appointed by the provincial government in April, 1922. At the time of its appointment the Premier of the

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Province, Mr. Drury, suggested the probability that the work might take a relatively short time. Its long-drawn-out investigations, however, extended over a period of more than twenty months and were only brought to a somewhat summary termination when a new administration, under Mr. Ferguson, was elected.

During the period in which the Gregory Commission were conducting its investigations there existed a belief, publicly expressed, that the Commission was not free from political leanings and was not wholly impartial.

After having received a mandate from the people in the province of Ontario for the political party which he then represented, Premier G. Howard Ferguson in his first public announcement stated:

> "The Gregory Commission, if I have anything to say, will be asked to tell us at once what they have been doing, and why they should not wind up their activities. They certainly will not be allowed to proceed on the scale and methods they have been following. They have not achieved anything of advantage to the province, and their course has not been such as to earn the public confidence."

Commenting upon this declaration, one of the leading newspapers of Canada stated:

> "The cost of this commission to the taxpayers of the Province has already reached enormous figures, and Mr. Ferguson's statement that it 'has not achieved anything of value to the Province' indicates the view in which its expensive operations are held. The fact that at practically every point at which the perambulating commission held its sittings the electorate defeated the Government representatives is taken to indicate the popular feeling toward the inquisition."
>
> The Toronto Globe

The cost of this Commission's operations was in excess of $500,000. It should be understood that in this amount there is not included heavy loss incurred through many of the Commission's own staff being turned aside from their regular work to assemble data, prepare plans and statements, etc. called for--often upon an extensive scale--by the investigating commission.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the aggregate cost of the two government investigations to the people of the Province was in excess of $1,000,000.

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EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH
HYDRO RADIAL ROYAL COMMISSION
AND
HYDRO ELECTRIC ENQUIRY ROYAL COMMISSION

HYDRO RADIAL ROYAL COMMISSION (SUTHERLAND)

1921	-	$ 111,528.65	
1922	-	44,879.30	
1923	-	500.00	
1923	-	375,211.90	(Hydro Expenditure)
		$ 532,119.85	

HYDRO ELECTRIC ENQUIRY ROYAL COMMISSION (GREGORY)

1922	-	146,362.79	
1923	-	324,624.65	(Includes $39,697.84 (Hydro Expenditure)
1924	-	34,631.59	
		$ 505,619.03	

Total -	Sutherland and Gregory Royal Commissions	$1,037,738.88

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Press Editorial Comments Respecting Great Cost of the Hydro-Electric Inquiry Commission commonly referred to as the Gregory Commission

The results of the Hydro-Electric Inquiry Commission--usually referred to as the Gregory Commission--investigation as given in its report were subjected to special scrutiny and criticism by the press of the Province. One aspect of the matter which received very definite attention was the great cost of the Inquiry, and the view was freely expressed that the meagre results achieved fell far short of justifying the very heavy expenditure involved. As the following quotations clearly show, such comments were by no means confined to the larger city papers.

Not Worth the Price

Half a million, with more to come, is a big price to pay for a report that is now generally conceded was never necessary at any stage of the proceedings.

The Gregory Commission labored long to produce a mountain and brought forth a mouse....

The long-expected Gregory report is now the property of the people. It has been laid on the Legislative table and will receive the attention it deserves. It has already been shown that the investigation was not justified by the facts.... The half million appears to have been nothing but avoidable waste.

Guelph Mercury, March 15, 1924.

An Expensive Report

The feature that will cause the people of the Province to wonder, however, is the apparently excessive cost of this inquiry, which has now reached the total of $505,801.71, with a number of bills still to be settled.

No expense seems to have been overlooked, and the commissioners took two years to delve into the Hydro enterprises, with costly effect upon the pockets of the taxpayers.

Peterborough Examiner, March 15, 1924.

As for the report of the Gregory Commission, it will be stored away in the archives at Toronto to accumulate dust and to be speedily forgotten. The only unfortunate thing is that the taxpayers will have to go into their pockets to the tune of half a million dollars to foot their bills.

London Free Press, March 14, 1924

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Folly of Royal Commissions

The report of the Gregory Commission to investigate the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, owing to its enormous cost and complete futility, illustrates the egregious folly of the Royal Commission habit....

The inquiry into the affairs of the Hydro Electric was the most costly and futile of all. Ontario has spent over half a million dollars to secure a report that merely emphasizes the obvious, and records what everybody who pays the slightest attention to electricity and water powers already knew.

Saturday Night, Toronto, March 22, 1924.

Discredited Criticism

Already the once-famous Gregory Commission and its voluminous report is half forgotten.....It cost the province several hundred thousand dollars, and it gave practically no value for the money expended.

The Hamilton Herald, May 16, 1925.

So far as the people of this province are concerned--the actual customers of Hydro--the egregious commission, which, as Sir Adam Beck declares, there are "well-grounded fears" for believing was "appointed for political reasons", has long since ceased to trouble. Its expensive investigations resulted in nothing calculated to alarm the municipalities, nor the individual users.

The Hamilton Spectator, May 16, 1925.

All the information contained in the summary signed by the members of the Gregory Commission might have been readily obtained by a single representative of the Government in three months, without all the machinery of a royal commission, with its lawyers, expert witnesses and other expensive paraphernalia. To expend half a million dollars to relieve members of a Government of the responsibility of acting on their own judgment was a frightful waste of public money.....

Orillia Packet, March 20, 1924.

This paper has always taken the ground that the appointment of the royal commission to investigate the Hydro was one of the greatest blunders that the Drury government made, yet in spite of the most hostile public criticism it was persisted in with a tenacity of purpose that was almost an infatuation. If governments in Ontario learn the lesson not to spend the people's money on royal commissions the waste of public money will not have been in vain, though it has been exceedingly costly. The commission cost over $500,000. which is probably the most expensive investigation the province has ever held.....It was a gigantic waste of public money, and it is time that the habit of appointing commissions to do the work that the Legislature is elected to do, is stopped. Let the Ferguson government take warning by this colossal folly.

Brantford Expositor, March 15, 1924.

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Oct. 13/31

Press Editorial Comments Respecting the Vindication of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission by the Hydro-Electric Inquiry Commission usually referred to as the Gregory Commission.

The results of the Hydro-Electric Inquiry Commission -- usually referred to as the Gregory Commission -- investigation were not given to the public until some time after the Government which appointed it had gone out of office. One aspect of its report that received widespread attention and comment was the somewhat unexpected tribute paid by the Inquiry Commission to the work of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and to the competency of its personnel. The following quotations from editorials in well-known Provincial papers are typical of such comments; it will be noted that the comments were by no means confined to the larger city papers.

Hydro Vindicated

The Gregory Commission, asked by the U.F.O. Government to find out whether Ontario's electrical development harbored dishonesty, inefficiency and whether it was otherwise worth while, has given its verdict. After having spent two years, and half a million dollars, in a by no means sympathetic scrutiny, the Commission says that it has discovered "neither dishonesty nor glaring inefficiency, and that most of the charges made against Hydro development proved to be 'Ghost stories.' "

Those who came to scoff remain to pray. Well, perhaps it was worth while. Perhaps it was worth half a million dollars to get such a knock-out blow at the enemies of Government ownership, to abolish the foolish theory that the people are too inherently dishonest or too inefficient to run a great public utility to the advantage of the community.

The Ottawa Journal, March 15, 1924

The famous Gregory report, comprising many portfolios of statistics and statements in regard to the Hydro-electric Commission in general and the Chippawa proposition in particular, has at last been filed.

Its findings are in the main a vindication of the Hydro system and of the Chippawa enterprise, and to that extent will do much to dissipate any doubts there may have been about these matters.

Peterborough Examiner, March 15,1924

Congratulations to Sir Adam

Sir Adam Beck, Engineer F. A. Gaby and other chiefs of the Hydro-Electric can be congratulated on the gist of the half million dollar report of the Gregory Commission, but the Province of Ontario can also be congratulated that the wish and the attempt, undoubtedly made two years ago to torpedo the greatest public ownership enterprise in the world and destroy the faith of the people in that enterprise, have met with signal failure.

The Gregory Commission which came to bury Hydro-Electric has remained to praise it....The exoneration was complete, but it was costly.

St.Catharines Standard, March 15,1924

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We may be sure that if there had been any corrupt use of power, any graft or waste or dishonesty in the spending of the vast sums of money devoted to the building of Ontario's Hydro System, the record would have leaped to light during the searching inquiry now at an end. Sir Adam Beck needs no vindication at the hands of the Gregory Commission. The fruition of his great project is his vindication, and that of the able engineers, Gaby and Acres, who gave the plans form and carried them out.

The Globe, Toronto, Saturday, March 15, 1924.

The one redeeming feature is that all the digging and delving done by Mr. Gregory and his staff did not reveal any trace of graft or culpable neglect, and after hearing all sorts of high paid consulting engineers they were compelled to compliment the Hydro on the efficiency of its engineers and the loyalty and zeal of the whole staff. On the whole, the report must be considered a wonderful vindication of Sir Adam Beck and his great project.

Orillia Packet, March 20, 1924.

By its whole-hearted tribute to the quality of the engineering and construction work on the development, the Gregory Commission has performed another public service.

Farmers' Sun, March 19, 1924.

Sir Adam's Vindication

Whatever motive lay behind the appointment of the Gregory commission, as to which the spokesmen of the present and late provincial governments are distinctly at variance, it, at least, has served the purpose of providing a splendid vindication of Sir Adam Beck, his colleagues on the hydro commission and its technical advisers....the report in its published form speaks for itself, and seldom, if ever, has finer or more conclusive testimony been borne to the success of a great experiment in the public ownership and operation of a public service....the report of the investigating commission will be welcomed throughout the length and breadth of Ontario and will place Sir Adam Beck and the provincial hydro commission on a still higher pinnacle of public esteem and regard.

St. Thomas Times-Journal, March 15, 1924.

The taxpayers of Ontario will have to pay over half a million to be told something they already knew, namely, that public ownership is a success in Ontario; that the hydro commission is an honestly managed institution, and that Sir Adam Beck has done a wonderful work for his native province.

London Free Press, March 15, 1924.

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October 27, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Donald Sutherland of Ingersoll has written me as follows:

> "Alex Meiklejohn, a relative of mine, has applied to Mr. Bend for appointment to the Audit Department of the Hydro Commission. He graduated in Commerce and Finance from the University of Toronto in 1929, and from then until July of this year had been with the firm of Clarkson, Gordon, and Dilworth, Auditors and Chartered Accountants, when owing to the general depression he was let off. He is capable and industrious, and will I feel confident give a good account, if appointed."

The above is submitted for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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J. LEONARD O'BRIEN
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CANADA

EASTERN CEDAR POLES
RAILWAY TIES
GENERAL FOREST PRODUCTS

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October 21st., 1931

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;-

You will recall my visit to you during the summer in connection with my desire to establish a connection with the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission so that I might obtain orders for cedar poles thereby making it possible for me to keep Canadian workmen employed. Although you took a great deal of your time, which I deeply appreciate, the situation did not warrant the Commission purchasing at that time.

I am herewith giving you an exact quotation from the "Canada Lumberman" which is I think of extreme importance as it shows clearly just what Canadianism does really mean.

CANADIAN FIRM GETS CONTRACT FOR POLES.

"A recent demandof a timber company in Denver Col. for payment in United States funds, cost the firm its contract for poles worth $ 4,845 for the HAMILTON HYDRO COMMISSION, Hamilton, Ont. The latter has awarded the contract to the Dominion Lumber & Coal Co. of Hamilton for $ 5,266 When the Canadian dollar was discounted at 8 to 10% the difference in the two tenders was almost offset by the demand of the American tenderer for payment in funds of the United States. The Commissioners said they would refuse to accept tenders from theUnited States in all cases where payment in United States funds is demanded. It was better, they argued, to save the discount on Canadian money and keep the business in Canada"

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I need not make any comment as it is seldom one really meets with such a situation in cold print.

With the Federal Government of Canada staggering under a load no Government should ever have to face trying to get money to pay out to unemployed and needy Canadians we find a Corporate Public Canadian Body in the province of Ontario awarding a contract to a firm in the U.S. to keep American workmen employed. There seems to have been no other factor other than that of dollars and cents involved in exchange capable of blocking such a situation.

I am wondering what the Federal Government would think of a Commission sending money to the U.S. thereby keeping Canadians unemployed.

I am fully aware that this Commission in Hamilton is not part of the Commission you are a member of and I am writing to you so that you may have this brought to your attention as otherwise you might not know about it.

In the very same issue of that magazine is another news-item-ad showing an exceptionally long train of cars of California lumber SIX CARS of which were destined to a Toronto wholesaler.

I am of the opinion that Southern pine poles are coming into Canada in large quantities, and just so long as U.S. are paid by Canadians to cut this material just that long will Canadian workmen be unemployed.

I regret this trespass upon your time but I feel sure your keen interest in Canadian welfare will warrant my bringing it to your attention.

With kind personal regards,

JLOB

Yours sincerely,

J. Lio. Brice

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October 27, 1931.

J. Leonard O'Brien, Esq.,
South Nelson, N. B.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I have your letter of 21st. As intimated in your letter, any contracts let by the Hamilton Hydro Commission would be for its own local services, and the Hydro Commission of Ontario has no control whatever over the regular operation of the individual local Commissions. I would suggest that you write to Mr. W. Ellis, Chairman, Hamilton Hydro Commission, Hamilton. For my part I have no idea what the explanation of the Hamilton Commission would be.

I need only add that we are buying no poles whatever outside of Canada, and we are buying in Eastern Canada all that can be obtained there. I believe some poles too long for production in Eastern Canada are obtained in British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Ingersoll Oct 23rd 1931

Rt Hon Arthur Meighen
Toronto

Dear Arthur

Alex Meikleham a relative of mine has applied to Mr Bond for appointment to the Audit Department of the Hydro Commission He graduated in Commerce and Finance from the University of Toronto in 1929 and from then until July of this year had been with the firm of Clarkson Gordon and Dilworth Auditors and Chartered Accountants until July when owing to the general depression he was let of

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He is capable and industrious
and well I feel confident gives
a good account if appointed
I have also written Hon J. R Cooke
on his behalf

With kindest regards to yourself
Mrs Meighen and family

Yours sincerely
Donald Sutherland

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October 27, 1931.

Donald Sutherland, Esq.,
Ingersoll, Ont.

Dear Donald:

I have your letter of 23rd. It happens that I am leaving the City to-day, but in the meantime I will take this matter up with the Commission. I do not know that there is a vacancy, but when one arises if Mr. Meiklejohn can get a recommendation from Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth & Co., it will be of considerable advantage to him. They are the Auditors, I may say, for the Hydro System.

With very kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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BANK OF COMMERCE BLDG.
GUELPH, CANADA

October 22nd, 1931.

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Ontario H.E.P.Commissioner,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Recently news items have appeared in the press quoting you as challenging critics of Hydro to cite specific instances of maladministration of that Commission. I am therefore accepting your challenge inasmuch as my extensive experience throughout the province on the distribution of Hydro power is probably unequalled by anyone other than the chief executives of your commission.

(1) Undoubtedly the most startling injustice which can be readily proven against your Commission's administration is that of their action in relation to the claim of the Oriental Textiles, Limited, Oshawa in which it was claimed that Hydro had charged that company for approximately $16,000 for power which was never delivered. In a series of socalled expanations by Hydro dating from December of 1930 till March 1931 Hydro repeatedly protested that there had been no error in billing. In a wire of March 27th and a letter of March 31st from the Oriental Textiles to Hon. J.R.Cooke it was then revealed that the test account referred to was nothing short of a mathematical caricature for the reason that the account showed the average load in current consumed to be greater than the peak load. The letter - of which I shall be glad to furnish you a photostatic copy - over the signature of Hon. J.R.Cooke in reply, is probably the most self-convicting document ever rendered by Hydro. The very fact that Mr.Cooke deliberatley evaded the most crucial question while at the same time protested sincerity of your Commission in the letter in question brands this case as being substantial grounds for investigation of Hydro administration throughout the province.

(2) In reference to recent speaches by you in Welland

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and Windsor I protest against you creating impressions very much misleading inview of vital facts not disclosed to your audiences or through the press. When you led your audiences to believe that there was no discrimination in the application of power rates you were in error for the reason that I can produce specific instances in Welland and Toronto wherein the Welland consumer pays an added penalty of over 50% on his power account due to the infliction of the power factor clause being enforced in Welland while his competitor in Toronto is allowed the concession of not paying the power factor penalty. Why did you not inform the citizens of Welland that irrespective of any official difference in power rates between Welland and Toronto there exists a more or less unrevealled clause effecting their power rates which adds - over a few years time - over a hundred thousand dollars as compared with Toronto or even Hamilton? I can also show a specific instance wherein a manufacturer in a Toronto suburb pays the power factor penalty which has cost him thousands of dollars while his competitor in Toronto - who is incidentally close to government circles - enjoys immunity. Does this not suggest political favoritism for Toronto at the expense of other municipalities? If Hydro is sincere and fair why is this condition not revealed to the public in your addresses?

(3) In regard to the Dominion Power and Transmission purchase I can furnish you with copies of articles I inserted in the press and copies of correcpondence with Hon. G.Howard Ferguson warning against the tremendously excessive figure your Commission was about to pay for that utility. My offer of my extensive survey of that field was rejected by the government indicating that they were not anxious, for some unknown reason, to have the true value of that utility made known. I can cite specific instances showing that Hydro purchased that utility at the enormous sum paid just on the eve of Dominion Power's best customers switching over to Hydro power. This fact was made known by me to Hydro prior to the closing of the transaction.

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GUELPH, CANADA

In justice to Ontario manufacturers in general it would be advisable that before making any further laudatory addresses on Hydro that you carefully peruse all the documents pertaining to the fiasco staged by Hydro in relation to the claim of the Oriental Textiles. I shall be only too pleased to furnish you with photostatic copies of all power accounts and letters from Hydro together with copies of letters written Hydro on this subject. These documents should convince you that Hydro is guilty of administering the affairs of Ontario's greatest utility in a manner altogether different to your expressed ideals. Having issued a public challenge I now wish to inform you that in the interests of Ontario manufacturers you will be called upon at your next public meeting to publicly answer these charges unless those ~~charges~~ conditions are sooner corrected.

Your prompt acknowledgment of this letter is requested.

Yours very truly,

INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COMPANY.

E. A. Lowry

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October 27, 1931.

E. A. Lowry, Esq.,
International Engineering Co.
64 Front St. West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 22nd. The impression you have received from newspaper accounts is incorrect. I have issued no challenges of any kind; indeed, on the contrary, I have made it quite clear that the Hydro Commission, the same as any other organization is liable to error and has made errors, but I have contended that on the whole its work has been excellently done, that its present position is a credit to its management, and that it has served this Province well.

The subject matter of the first paragraph of your letter has, I find, been very thoroughly gone into between the Commission and the management of the Oriental Textiles Limited. The Commission officers take the position that entire fairness has been done this Company, and they believe now that the Company's officials are convinced that this is correct.

I shall be quite prepared to answer to the best of my ability any questions put to me at any meeting.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro - Wed

101 Wells Hill Avenue,
Toronto, October 28th, 1931

The Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commissioner,
National Building,
Bay Street,
Toronto.

re Ont. Power Commission & Elec. Refig. Company

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am hoping to hear from you at an early date before Mr. Carter replies to the letter from Mr. Lucas.

I suggest that you carry out the spirit of Sir Adam Beck's promise to me, which was to learn the facts for himself and then meet me with Mr. Gaby present. The truth can readily be ascertained by you and when ascertained should be faced squarely by the Commission.

The situation is obviously unpleasant but I do not believe that it was designedly brought about. It evidently calls for co-operation and compromise. Such was the thought that actuated Mr. Gaby and myself when we first discussed the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Keith

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October 28, 1931.

Mr. Alex Keith,
101 Wells Hill Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Keith:

Your letter of t -day's date has been duly received. I regret to inform you, however, that Mr. Meighen left for the West last night, to be absent for three weeks. Upon his return I shall place your communication before him.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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Mr. Fleming's letter sent to Mr. I. B. Lucas.

October 28, 1931.

Donald W. Fleming, Esq.,
Room 5, Imperial Bank Bldg.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Your special delivery letter of yesterday has been duly received, but I regret to inform you that Mr. Meighen left last night for the West, to be absent for about three weeks.

Upon phoning Mr. Gaby's office this morning, I was referred to Mr. I. B. Lucas, who is looking after this matter of insurance. He promised to wire you today.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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This copy for Mr. Meighen

October 26th, 1931.

Mr. J.D. Palmer,
Fredrieton,
New Brunswick.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with the request of Mr. Meighen, I take pleasure in having forwarded to you under separate cover copies of the issues of our Bulletin for the months of August and September, in which will be found the address delivered by me before the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association in Ottawa last June. The third and last instalment of this paper will appear in our October issue which will be ready for distribution in two or three weeks' time. When this is off the press we shall be glad to forward you on a copy of the same.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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October 27, 1931.

J. D. Palmer, Esq.,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
St. John, N. B.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I have had a talk with Mr. Gaby and suggest that, after consultation with the other members of your Commission, you have an official letter written to the Secretary of our Commission inviting the Chief Engineer or such other Engineer as may be appropriate, to go down and review with your Engineer the situation in your Province with a view to suggestions to your advantage. After talking to Mr. Gaby, I am quite sure that he will recommend the Commission assisting you along these lines.

Yours very truly,

A/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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SAINT JOHN, N. B.
CANADA

FREDERICTON, N.B.
October 30, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
c/o Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Thanks indeed for your letter of October 27th.

At the first meeting of our Commission I am going to take this matter up with my colleagues, and I feel that they will agree with same and appreciate very keenly your very kind offer, so you can look forward to hearing from us later.

Again thanking you and with very kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. D. Palmer

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION
190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

October 31st, 1931.

Miss E.M. Edmondson,
Secretary to Mr. Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss Edmondson:-

Mr. Gaby has requested me to acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 29th, and with reference to the letter of complaint received by Mr. Meighen relative to Hydro service in rural communities, to say that this was, unknown to him, forwarded, along with other correspondence, to our Chairman, Mr. Cooke, who is at present out of town, and that until his return Mr. Gaby is unable to obtain the report requested.

Yours very truly,

Sec'y, Chief Engineer's Office.

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500 ~~CHAIRMAN HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONT~~
TORONTO ONT

I WIRED YOU ON OCTOBER TWENTY NINTH WITH REFERENCE TO
HYDRO INSURANCE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY
10AM DAVID A CROLL MAYOR

cc Hydro

Ref. dwl

USE OUR DIRECT ALL CANADA SERVICE TO VANCOUVER, VICTORIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA POINTS

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Toronto October 31, 1931.

David A. Croll,
Mayor,
Windsor, Ont.

OWING MISTER MEIGHENS ABSENCE IN WEST YOUR WIRE TWENTY NINTH WAS REFERRED TO COMMISSION THURSDAY FOR REPLY

E. M. EDMONDSON SECRETARY

COLLECT

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Windsor, October 29, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Chairman, Hydro Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Liability insurance on Hydro Radials on Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway must be renewed on October 31st. Gross premium approximately $64,000, net premium approximately $9,000. Have asked repeatedly that insurance be placed through Border Cities agents as designated by Commission. Local citizens pay the deficit and are entitled to benefits if any. One of sources of dissatisfaction in addition to absentee management is placing insurance with firm that has Head Office in Toronto and only Branch in Windsor. Am asking you to stop members of Commission from controlling Insurance and placing it with friends and relatives.

DAVID A. CROLL , Mayor.

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PHONE
ELGIN 2381

BANK OF COMMERCE BLDG.
GUELPH, CANADA

November 2, 1931.

Rt.Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Ontario H.E.P.Commissioner,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 27th. It is not my intention to enter into any further direct correspondence with your Commission in regard to the Oriental Textile claim but in view of your letter intimating that your attitude is based solely on the decision of the Commission's officers, I am placing the most salient facts before you and the Hon. Geo. S. Henry for the reason that ultimately your Commission and the Government must answer to the public should it be shown that subversive policies are injected into Hydro administration as the result of your Commission being unable to check or criticise an engineering report within your department. All correspondence I have pertaining to this controversey with your Commission shows quite conclusively that Hydro consumers are exposed to the injustice of your engineers sitting in judgement on their own errors.

Exhibit # 1 shows the current consumption and peak load charge in February 1930. This account was billed according to a meter illegaly in service and before my analysis of the situation. Peak load charge 282.3 H.P. and current charge of 61,600 KWH.

Exhibit # 2 & 3 show the current consumption and peak load in February 1931. This account was billed according to the meter after your department altered the metering equipment before having the meter inspected by the Meter Inspection department of Canada and after I analysed the situation. Peak load demand 173.7 H.P. and current charge of 25,200 KWH. Exhibit #2 shows the account actually paid on the basis of 75% of a previous peak rather than the actual peak after correction. The immense reduction is inspite of an actual increase in plant installed capacity and the addition of 5,600 KWH to the #2 & 3 exhibit consumption would - according to actual admission of your engineers - show the plant production

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in both months to be equal. If the previous billing was correct why the reduction?

Exhibit #1. You will observe that between January 31/30 and February 26/30 represents 26elapsed days er 22 working days during which the plant operated approximately 216 hours. 61,600 KWH in 216 hours equals 285 KWH every hour. You will note that the peak load charge is 282.3 H.P. which is equal to 210.8 KWH. Is it not absurd to claim that the average load should exceed the peak load? Your engineers have witnessed a full load test in the plant when an abnormal load was created by crowding on practically every machine in the plant. They have admitted a current consumption of 120 KWH each hour during the test at a power factor of 57%. If the plant had operated 24 hours per day every day during period in exhibit # 1 - instead of approximately 10 hours per day - it could not have consumed the current charged for. Furthermore it can be readily proven that at no time in the history of the Oriental Textiles has there been sufficient installed capacity in motors or equipment to consume the amount of 61,600 KWH in 22 working days.

Does it seem at all reasonable to pretend that a plant with but a total installed capacity in motors on highly individualized drives of 256 H.P. and with less than 200 H.P. (150 KW) should, with an ordinary factory lighting load, average 285 KW every hour? It does not require engineering experience to see the ridiculous degree to which your engineers have resorted in an effort to win their point in this claim. Is it not in itself highly suggestive that both your engineering department and the Hon. J.R.Cooke have consistently evaded this particular aspect in discussing the case?

I note your comment to the effect that your Commission's officers believe that the Oriental Textiles management is satisfied that fairness has been done that company. Allow me to make it clear that such a state of affairs makes it all the more imperative that the trusting consumers of Hydro throughout the Province be apprised of the condition existent. It must also be very apparent to you that under no circumstances would I be a party to allowing a consumer who is a customer of mine be so treated irrespective as to what attitude he may take as primarily I am then the interested party as result of my services being so discredited and causing me severe financial losses.

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Now that your Commission's officers have gone to such great lengths to discredit me I might inform you that there is so much improvement possible in their administration that their efforts could be better applied conducting Hydro affairs. As an example I might state that in the near future your Commission will have two additional claims, similar to that of the foregoing, to adjust. The matter of penalizing certain municipalities while exempting others for poor power factor will strongly suggest to Ontario's power users that your commendable efforts to keep Hydro out of the "vortex" of politics are revealled to be years belated. In fact in fairness to you I might state that during the forth coming by-election campaign in Guelph you will be asked to explain why the manufacturers in Guelph are so discriminated against by your Commission as to pay the power factor penalty while competitive manufacturers in Toronto and Hamilton are exempt. I might also state that if your engineering department informs you that such a condition is taken care of in the difference in rates I shall arrange for you to explain some surprising rate incongruities in that respect.

Incidentally when your engineers were assuring the Oriental Textiles that they had been fairly dealt with I venture to say that your engineers were carefull to not mention that Toronto competitors were favored to the extent of not paying the power factor penaly while the Oriental Textiles have been paying an advance in power costs of approximately 40% on this factor alone and apart from any legitimate difference in rates between the two cities.

Any steps you wish to take to correct the injustice your Commission has committed against the Oriental Textiles and myself should be taken immediately now that you have the facts before you. Copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Hon. Geo. S. Henry.

Yours very truly,

E. A. Lowry

E. A. Lowry.

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Exhibit # 1

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

POWER B.

Hydro

Oriental Textiles.

Athol East.

Service Charge	February 1930.	282.3	H.P.	@ 1.00	282	30
Feb.26/30. Meter Reads	1562	10530	K.W.H.	@ 2.1	221	13
Jan.31/30 Meter Read	1254	10530	K.W.H.	@ 1.4	147	42
Difference	308	40540	K.W.H.	@ .33	133	78
Multiplied by	200	61600			784	63
D= 780 x 300 x 90 / 746 100 = 282.3 H.P.			CLASS DISCOUNT	% 10	78	46
					706	17
DISCOUNT If Paid by Last Discount Date 10%					70	62
					635	55
Merchandise Account Due					12	87
					648	42

If Paying by Cheque, Mail Stub Only.
If Paying by Cash, Bring This Bill.

O.K.
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C.H. Palmer

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Exhibit #2

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17 L.C. 2M-7-30

OSHAWA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

POWER BILL

Oriental Textiles,

Church Street,

Service Charge	February 1931.		203.55	H.P.	@	1.00	203	55
Feb. 28	Meter Reads	2619	7600	K.W.H.	@	2.1	159	60
Feb. 2	Meter Read	2556	7600	K.W.H.	@	1.4	106	40
	Difference	63	10000	K.W.H.	@	.33	33	00
	Multiplied by	400	25200				502	55
D. = 360 - Min. of peak est. May. 1930 = 271.4 H. P.			CLASS DISCOUNT			10 %	50	25
							452	30
DISCOUNT If Paid by Last Discount Date 10%			March 16th, 1931.				45	23
							407	07
Merchandise Account Due							407	07

If Paying by Cheque, Mail Stub Only.

If Paying by Cash, Bring This Bill.

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OSHAWA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

POWER BILL

Oriental Textiles Company Ltd.,

Charles Street, City.

Service Charge	February 1931		173.72	H.P.	@	1.00	173	72
Feb.28/31	Meter Reads	2619	6480	K.W.H.	@	2.1¢	136	08
" 2/31	Meter Read	2556	6480	K.W.H.	@	1.4¢	90	72
	Difference	63	12240	K.W.H.	@	.33¢	40	39
	Multiplied by	400	25200				440	91
Dem.-360 x 400 x 90 / 746 x 100 = 173.72 H.P.			CLASS DISCOUNT		10	%	44	09
							396	82
DISCOUNT If Paid by Last Discount Date 10%							39	68
Note: This bill based on actual demand Feb.28/31.								
Merchandise Account Due	Not for revenue purposes.							
							357	14

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November 3, 1931.

Mr. A. E. Lowry,
International Engineering Co.,
Bank of Commerce Bdg.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge your letter of 2nd November which has been received during Mr. Meighen's absence in the West. Upon his return in about two weeks it will be brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

November 3rd, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter received from Mr. J.D. Palmer, one of the members of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, under date of October 30th, 1931.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

Fredericton, N.B.
October 30th, 1931.

Mr. Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc.,
Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto 2, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:-

Thanks for your letter of October 26th, and I also wish to acknowledge receipt of the bulletins of August and September which I am reading with interest, and will pass over to our Chief Engineer after finishing with them.

Our Commission indeed is very grateful for this evidence of your good-will and also Mr. Meighen's interest in our welfare, and it is quite likely that you will probably hear from us further.

Thanking you and with very kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) J.D. Palmer

JDP:Q

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Hydro

House of Commons
Canada

Nov 5/31

Hon A Meighen

Dear Friend Yours received re Stein or Bruce property at Galetta I note what you say with regard to valuator I would like to get in touch with him when he would be in Ottawa I expect to be in Toronto for Royal Winter Fair and will try to look you up when we can discuss this matter I think it would be good business to have Stein property settled well before the claim of Kingdon Mines would be settled

I remain
Yours truly
Wm J Garland

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R. THOMAS ORR
INSURANCE

TELEPHONES:
OFFICE 266
RESIDENCE 481

METROPOLITAN BLOCK COR. ONTARIO AND DOWNIE STS.

Hydro-Wed

STRATFORD, ONT. Nogember 7th, 1931

The Honorable Arthur Meighen,
c/O Canadian General Investment & Trusts Corp.,
Toronto, Ont.

Honored and Dear Sir:-

No doubt you have heard of the proposition to erect a Memorial in memory of Sir Adam Beck on the Baden Hills in the County of Waterloo, in the Village of Baden where Sir Adam was born.

We think that the people of the Province of Ontario owe this much to the late Sir Adam Beck and that the most fitting place where it could be erected would be at his birthplace and especially as this happens to be so near to the City of Kitchener where the idea of developing and distributing hydro power originated, and also as it is in the very centre of the ring of the eleven municipalities which guaranteed the constfuction of the first hydro line, being half-way between Toronto and London and surrounded within a few miles by the other original Hydro municipalities of Guelph, Kitchener, Stratford, New Hamburg, St. Marys, Woodstock, Ingersoll, St. Thomas and London.

At Baden there is a hill which rises 250 feet above the surrounding country and is at an elevation of 1450 feet above sea level which is the highest point in Western Ontario with the possible exception of Orangeville and that district. The suggestion is that we* purchase this hill and erect on it a stone tower something along the lines of the photograph enclosed. On this a beacon light could be kept burning which could be seen for 50 miles around.

It is not necessary to go into the full details of the proposition in this letter but inform you that we have made arrangements with Prime Minister Henry to meet a deputation from the eleven original hydro municipalities at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday November 10th at his office, and we would be very pleased if you could accompany us at that time.

Yours very truly,

R Thomas Orr

Convenor of Beck Memorial Committee

* the Province

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November 9, 1931.

Mr. R. Thomas Orr,
Metropolitan Block,
Stratford, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 7th regarding the Adam Beck Memorial has been received during Mr. Meighen's absence in Western Canada. He expects to return about the 23rd inst., at which time the matter will be brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

K. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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November 12, 1931.

E. C. Brooking, Esq.,
R. R. No. 3,
Oshawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir :

Your letter of November 9th addressed to Mr. Meighen has been received during his absence in Western Canada. He is expected back in about a week's time, and your letter will be brought to his attention immediately on his return.

Yours very truly,

K.

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129495

November 24, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

At Mr. Meighen's request I am sending you herewith letter from Mr. E. C. Brooking of Oshawa, which he would like you to answer directly.

Yours very truly,

E.
Encl.

Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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R. J. ARNILL

Holstein, November 17, 1931.

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Hydro bill which explains itself. About fifteen years ago when the village installed Hydro, the charge was forty five dollars per h. p. Now it is ninety dollars per h. p. I know of different farmers who would instal Hydro if the rateswere any way reasonable. I consider nine cents an outrageous price, and the farmers around here are afraid of Hydro for fear they will be treated the same as the vill age was. I have in my home, store and house combined twenty-six lights ranging from 25 to 60 watts, and we are very careful with our lights and don't use any more than necessary.

I was pleased to read in the papers some time ago that you were going to be on the Hydro Commissioners Board. I thought then the small villages would get a square deal, which they have not got up to the present. Anything you can do will be appreciated

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) R. J. Arnill.

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December 21, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re R J Arnill.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Please have someone answer the enclosed letter direct. I attach copy of my last answer to this man.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro

November 19th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan,
National Bldg.,
Bay Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighan:-

Since discussing the matter of a newspaper advertising campaign for Hydro, another idea has occurred to me which perhaps would commend itself to the judgment of your Commission.

The Southern Canada Power Company publish a house-organ called "Contact" which is sent to every consumer with his bill from month to month. The purpose of this is to establish and maintain good will between the Company and its consumer customers and to promote the sale of electric appliances. It is not at all technical.

In their case, it has to be bilingual which would not be necessary with the Ontario Hydro.

The cost of production is low. The publication is of a size which can be folded to fit a No. 8 envelope in which the monthly bill is enclosed and so there is no postage to be paid.

The fact that the Southern Canada Power Company has continued the production and distribution of "Contact" proves that they must consider it distinctly to their advantage.

In order that you may see the nature of the publication, I am enclosing herewith an old copy which I happened to have on hand.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan

I have associated with me in this business Mr. Charles Holmes, who originated this house-organ when in the employ of the Power Corporation of Canada as director of Public Relations, and who is quite familiar with all questions connected with the sale and distribution of electric power.

I would be very glad if it can be arranged to have Mr. Holmes accompany me if I am favored with an appointment to discuss the matter with you.

I am not suggesting the substitution of this house-organ for the newspaper advertising campaign, which I proposed some days ago, but as an auxiliary to such a campaign or independent of the campaign. This direct connection with all the consumers might be considered by you as a worth while suggestion, and I wanted you to know that in case anything of the kind should commend itself to you we are in a position to prepare and produce such a publication.

I will be glad if you could arrange to see me with Mr. Holmes.

Yours truly,

GES:B

Geo. E. Deroggie

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R. THOMAS ORR
INSURANCE

TELEPHONES:
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RESIDENCE 481

METROPOLITAN BLOCK COR. ONTARIO AND DOWNIE STS.

STRATFORD, ONT. November 20th,
1931

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.
c/o Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Honored and Dear Sir:-

Re Sir Adam Beck Memorial- Baden Hills

Since writing you on November 7th we have had an interview with the Honorable Mr. Henry and he has informed us that it is his intention to appoint a Cabinet committee to work with a committee of the municipalities to get competitive plans and further information in regard to cost, etc. of the proposed memorial on the Baden Hills.

Mr. Henry seemed quite favorable to the proposition and we expect that some immediate action will be taken.

I enclose herewith a pamphlet of a tower, the style of which we think would be appropriate. I have also received a letter from Mr. Cook, Chairman of the Hydro Commission who states that he is q uite in favor of the proposition but thinks that it should be paid for by the Province of Ontario.

The suggestion was made by Mr. Hannigan of Guelph that the Hydro Commission of Ontario should be prepared to supply and maintain the beacon-light on the top of this tower.

We hope to have your active co-operation.

Yours truly,

Convenor of Beck
Memorial Committee

RTO:NG

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November 24, 1931.

Mr. R. Thomas Orr,
Metropolitan Block,
Stratford, Ont.

Dear Mr. Orr:

On my return from Western Canada I have your two letters of November 7th and 20th. I am glad to co-operate in this matter and feel sure the Commission will give sympathetic consideration to any proposal to honour Sir Adam Beck. I shall take a real interest in the subject when it is up for consideration.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hon Debts

Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A. CHAIRMAN
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November 20th, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with instructions received from Mr. Gaby, I am enclosing herewith certain press clippings for your information and attention.

Yours very truly,

A. D. Brookes

FILING & MAILING DEPARTMENT.

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WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEW YORK. November 17th, 1931.

REVIEW *and* OUTLOOK

What Trade Means

International trade of 90 different countries in 1930 amounted to $53,778,400,000 compared with $66,944,200,000 in 1929, according to announcement of Department of Commerce. Did the depression cause this decline of nearly 20 per cent., or was the decline one of the causes of the depression? An attempt to answer this question would be running around a circle, but there can be no doubt that this decrease in trade between nations has been an obstacle to recovery.

It is easy enough to see that a 20 per cent. decrease in our internal trade would not only help to bring on a local business depression, but would aggravate the situation so long as it lasted. Unemployment would be the result, with consequent reduction in the creation of wealth, the effects of which would be felt by all classes. What is true in our domestic affairs is true in international. Commodities represent labor and a decline in the foreign demand and consequent reduction in their production simply mean an increase in world unemployment, so all countries lose.

These figures are important in showing how the nations of the world are dependent upon one another. National self-sufficiency is now a thing of the past, as much so as the grain cradle and flail in harvesting. All the nations together form one body—the world—and each country is a member of it. An injury to, or illness of, any part of the human body affects all the members to a greater or less degree, and in this world body we are learning that a sick Germany or a sick Europe affects all its other members.

Only a percentage of the cost of learning this lesson is in this decline in foreign trade, but those figures in themselves are large enough to make anyone regret the necessity of the experience. Perhaps the lesson is not fully learned yet in all the dealings between nations. But in studying these figures of world trade and what they mean in human comfort, it seems time for the nations, including our own, to realize that the world is one great trading market, each the customer or prospective customer of the others, and that the welfare of each involves the welfare of all.

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WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEW YORK. November 16, 1931

Voluntary Debts

Clear Distinction Between Reparations and Privately-Contracted Loans

FRENCH STAKE IN FORMER

BY THOMAS F. WOODLOCK

More than one correspondent has in the past few months raised a question of which we are likely to hear more when Congress meets. That question asks why Germany should be permitted to defer or reduce her payments on reparations while fulfilling her obligations on the loans—both long-term and short-term—privately contracted with private lenders subsequently to the imposition of reparations. By what right are the latter made prior liens? Why should the interests of the American taxpayer who is indirectly but very really concerned be subordinated to those of the "international bankers" who, with full knowledge of Germany's reparation obligation, lent money to her cities, her industries and her citizens? If there is to be moratorium on reparations, why not on all these, too?

It's a fair question, but it should be stated fairly. The interests of the American taxpayer is in the so-called Allied war debts and not directly in German reparations. We have, it is true, abandoned the ridiculous fiction that there is no connection between the two classes of debts, and we know that reduced reparations will mean reduced war-debts; nevertheless, it is well to keep in mind exactly who are the American taxpayers' debtors. Also it is well to keep in mind that in settling with our war-debtors the amount of their obligations we laid down the principle of "capacity to pay" which was officially defined in the following terms by the Debt Funding Commission:

"Measured by Ability"

" . . . that the adjustments made with each government must be measured by the ability of the particular government to put aside and transfer to the United States the payments called for under the funding agreement. Nor does the principle of capacity to pay require the foreign debtor to pay to the full limit of its present or future capacity. It must be permitted to preserve and improve its economic position, to bring its budget into balance and to place its finances and currency on a sound basis, and to maintain and if possible to improve the standard of living of its citizens. No settlement which is oppressive and retards the recovery and development of the foreign debtor is to the best interest of the United States or Europe."

In the second place the private loans were made not to the German government (there is no question of the Dawes or Young loans) but to individual civic units, industries and banks in Germany. These loans in large measure supplied the "working capital" which the German people required to generate the sums necessary to pay on reparations, and to maintain the gold-convertibility of her currency. Granted that some of these provided for "social welfare" expenditures to an amount in excess of real needs, it was for working capital that they were largely created. In the third place it is not the money of "international bankers" that is invested in these loans but the money of American people who own bank deposits and whose deposits have been thus employed. Granted that it was unwise to employ them in this way, it is still the *people's* money and not the *banker's* money that is at stake—a fact that some of our politicians apparently do not realize.

How Would We Act?

If *we* were in Germany's place today, how would *we* view the two classes of obligations—one imposed upon us at the sword's point and the other freely created by us for the preservation of our economic life? Is there any doubt that we would sharply distinguish between them? And if we would be right in so doing, how can we deny that distinction to Germany? And, putting the question upon the lowest ground of expediency, is it not clear that we as taxpayers stand to lose more by the consequences that would flow from an interference with Germany's private credit relations than we lose by deferment or curtailment of payments upon our intergovernmental war-debts? Germany's economic and political health is today most definitely a concern of all the civilized world. It is her economic sickness that constitutes the acute phase of the world's sickness, and therefore of our own.

The direct interest of the United States in Germany consists altogether of the monies loaned by our citizens. The interest of France consists almost entirely in the unconditional reparations. Other European countries are mainly interested in the private credits as their receipts in reparations are balanced by "out payments" to the United States. We are of all countries most interested in the "out payments" all of which finally come to us. Thus we have, of all countries, the largest amount at stake in Germany, assuming that our war-debts depend, as they do, on reparations. We cannot afford to act unwisely nor can we afford to talk unwisdom. We ought to understand that it is not a group of "international bankers" nor "banks" as distinguished from their depositors, nor any other "institutions" as distinguished from their stockholders that stand to lose, but it is many hundreds of thousands of people who are not in the higher brackets of income taxes, and some of whom are not in any bracket. And we ought to understand further that the direct loss to our taxpayers would be but slight as compared to the loss to the community as a whole from continuance of the world sickness and that the benefits from recovery would far outweigh this "loss."

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Wall St. Journal "New York" June 15/31

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The War Debts

War Allies Must Now Recognize Germany Finds Her Debt Intolerable

CONGRESS CONTEMPLATES

BY THOMAS F. WOODLOCK

Representative Ramseyer of Iowa delivered himself on the subject of the war debts a few days ago at about the time that Senator Borah announced his conversion to the idea of a revision of German reparations payments. For Senator Borah's utterance it can at least be said that it reflected on the senator's part a recognition of facts which, if a trifle belated and still not complete, is a welcome development in a time when realistic thinking (if talking reflects thinking) is very scarce.

Mr. Ramseyer's remarks deserve to be noted for two reasons. One is that they represent about as complete an example as could be found of the utter blindness and deafness (if one could only have been able to add "dumbness" it would not have been so bad!) that has characterized our concept of the relations involved in the war debts and the reparations from the beginning and up to the present time. The other is that unless all signs fail we shall not hear much more of the same kind of talk in the days to come, for the course of events will render it impossible.

"The reduction or part cancellation of the foreign debts," said Congressman Ramseyer, "was not originally contemplated by Congress. Congress originally contemplated that foreign obligations outstanding in July, 1920, would not become a burden on the American taxpayers. If the foreign nations had only kept up their interest payments at 4% on the amount they owed us July 1, 1920, they would have paid us during the 10-year period $2,978,200,742. During this time these foreign nations have paid up in principal and interest $1,488,000,000. . . . Due to the foreign debt settlements in reducing or partly cancelling the foreign debts, that portion of the debt has not been reduced as rapidly as originally contemplated by Congress.

The "Contemplation" of Congress

"Instead of reducing the national debt at a more rapid rate than was originally contemplated, we are at this time, in fact, behind instead of ahead in our debt reduction as originally contemplated by Congress when it enacted the Victory Liberty Loan Act of March 3, 1919, containing the sinking fund provision. Instead of being seven years ahead in our debt-paying program in the sum of $3,500,000,000, as claimed by Senator Pat Harrison, we are, in fact, several billion dollars behind in our debt-paying program as originally contemplated by Congress."

Six times in the passage above quoted (and twice in a short passage omitted in the quotation but contained in the Herald Tribune report of Mr. Ramseyer's remarks) we are referred to the "contemplation" of Congress. Apparently Mr. Ramseyer was of the opinion that because Congress "contemplated" a certain state of things, that settled the state of the facts, whereas the essential fact is that at no time has the "contemplation" of Congress on this subject had any relation whatever to the true nature of the matter in hand. It has talked about the war debts and the reparations as if they were ordinary commercial transactions between individuals, subject to judicial process and distraint of goods.

In addition, it has persisted in the obvious fiction that German reparations had nothing to do with the Allies' war debts to us. And in this it has been imitated by many others outside the sacred precincts of Capitol Hill, who like Mr. Ramseyer have been satisfied to "contemplate" the situation as he described its "contemplation" by Congress. Yet we smile in pitying scorn at the umbilical "contemplation" of the devout Easterner as he murmurs to himself the mystic words—*"Om mani padme hum!"*

Nobody Can Take More Than Germany Will Pay

How much longer must we wait for our legislators to open their eyes to what is evident to all the world outside the United States? Everyone in Europe knows that the entire fabric of international debts rests upon Germany's payments, and that Germany has arrived at the place where the burden of those payments is regarded by the German people as intolerable. Everyone knows that if the German people overturn their government and replace it by a government which refuses to pay, there is no power on earth that can extract the payment of one cent more than the German people are willing to pay.

Everyone knows that the moment that France ceases to receive her reparations from Germany we may whistle for our money from her. And everyone knows that England simply cannot stand the burden of her payment to us without receipt of the payments from her continental debtors. She will pay as long as she can, but no longer. Chancellor Snowden's last budget shows that she is now scraping the tax till.

Can we not understand the nature of the fundamental trouble that lies at the root of the entire world-situation? It is simple enough. We have not yet ended the war. No war is ended until reasonably normal relations have been resumed by the belligerents. The very treaty that was supposed to end the great war did not even "contemplate" such resumption, much less achieve it. It proceeded upon the theory that in these days it was possible to keep a great nation for an indefinite period of time in vassalage to other nations and subject it for a couple of generations to *corvee*. For 12 years the experiment has been in progress and we wonder what is wrong!

It is about time for Mr. Ramseyer and those who share his "contemplations" to come out of the "silences" and pay a little attention to what is going on around them.

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The London Times, April 5th. 1932.

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Imperial and Foreign News

SOVIET FARMS

FEARS FOR THE HARVEST

FROM OUR RIGA CORRESPONDENT

The Bolshevist leaders at Moscow are having an anxious time this spring in connexion with the problems of agriculture, which are now claiming more attention than any other section of the Five Year Plan. A great number of conferences have been held to analyse the reports received from the countryside, and since the middle of March, although the spring sowing season had then hardly begun, responsible officials have frequently referred to the probability of a serious crop failure this year in the chief grain areas of the Soviet Union.

The general public of the industrial centres became aware that more than usual difficulties had developed only on February 17, when the Soviet Government announced that the urgent dispatch of nearly a million tons of grain to the Volga Basin, the Urals, Western Siberia, and some other districts, had become necessary to relieve local distress and provide seed grain for the spring sowing. The Government stated at the same time that preparations for ploughing and sowing had been "criminally neglected" and ordered an agricultural shock month to be enforced everywhere to complete the collection and preparation of seed, repair machinery, and feed up cattle which had been allowed to become unfit for service through under-nourishment during the winter months.

Reports were published from all the chief grain areas of the Soviet Union, and these reports were remarkably uniform in character. In no important district had the collective farms carried out more than half the winter programme, and in the whole of the Union only 34 per cent. of the required seed grain was ready. It was explained that the backwardness of the eastern territories was due to drought in 1931 which had been the cause of harvest failure in some localities, but in most of the other regions the apathy of the peasantry and a lack of enterprise among local officials were held to be responsible. Later reports admitted that this apathy had become universal and that the peasants from the western borders of White Russia and the Ukraine to the far eastern frontiers of Siberia were relying on the Government for the spring seed which, before they had been collectivized, individual households used to set aside during the autumn and winter.

"SHOCK COLLECTORS"

It soon became clear that the direct cause of this frame of mind among the peasants was a decree issued by Molotoff as head of the Government on October 19. This decree, which occupied only six lines in *Izvestia*, strictly forbade all collective farms to reserve any grain for seed or consumption, and ordered them to supply the Government with the full quantity of grain planned, before any part of the harvest might be used for any other purpose. Wherever measures had been already taken to reserve "funds" of grain for sowing and feeding, these were to be cancelled immediately and the grain taken by the State collectors as part of the Government's quota. Further orders amplifying this decree were issued and published the same week. They were enforced with a vigour which disregarded appeals and persecuted all peasants and officials who tried to convince the central authorities that the amount of grain available was over-estimated in the plan. Local Soviets and Communist organizations were dissolved and their members prosecuted in many districts, and the "shock collectors" took away grain by force. This was particularly true in the lower Volga Basin, the Urals, Kazakstan, and parts of Western Siberia, the territories which are now suffering famine.

It seems incredible that the Government did not know of the drought and consequent failure of the harvest, but all official reports issued concerning these provinces until the end of December stated that the harvest there was satisfactory. The drought of the summer was not mentioned until after Christmas. It is still impossible to ascertain the extent of the distress, but reports in the Soviet Press state that it has become necessary to guard seed-grain sent there, as the peasants consume it for food, and that horses and cattle have been seriously depleted through starvation. State farm No. 23, situated between the Lower Volga and the Upper Don, lost 3,000 young cattle in January and February, and expected to lose about 8,000 more unless supplies of fodder were increased. About 1,000 of these cattle are housed in the former dwellings of "well-to-do kulaks" who were evicted and banished during the collectivization campaign.

MOSCOW CONCERN

In February the Government ordered that during March, the "shock-month for seed," about 3,000,000 tons of seed-grain should be collected and prepared for sowing, in addition to the relief-grain to be sent to the famine areas. According to official reports only about half this quantity was really ready by the end of March. Moreover, Government reports themselves remark that the figures received from the provinces are untrustworthy, that in many cases rye and maize are supplied instead of wheat, that inferior and "mixed" seed often does duty in the lists for selected grain, that enormous quantities have been plundered, ground into flour, or perished through careless storage since registration.

Next to the areas where the 1931 crop failed, the Ukraine is most unsatisfactorily prepared for the spring sowing. The backwardness of this vast wheat region is viewed with the greatest concern at Moscow. The sowing here has begun and should already be in full swing. No efforts have been spared to stimulate the peasants into activity, but at the end of March only about half of the wheat seed required in the Ukraine was ready for sowing, and some of this was of doubtful quality. Conditions in the Western Territory of the R.S.F.S.R. (Russia proper) were described in *Pravda* of March 19 as very alarming, the peasants here, as elsewhere, being expectantly waiting for seed from the Commissariat of Agriculture.

On October 17 the Soviet Government created a "Committee of Reserves," which is said to have accumulated a considerable reserve fund of grain, primarily intended for the Red Army in case of emergency. Whether the Government is drawing on this fund for its relief consignments is not known, but in any case the difficulty of relief work is largely a matter of transport. The railways are already overstrained, but are, nevertheless, not able to cope with more than about 75 per cent. of the ordinary traffic which they have been ordered to handle. They are, therefore, carrying out their additional task of conveying relief grain only indifferently, and the deliveries to the famine areas are much behind the official time-table. The other regions must depend chiefly on the local resources.

The condition of tractors and agricultural machinery at the machine and tractor stations and on collective farms is officially described as most unsatisfactory. In nearly all districts they have been allowed to deteriorate during the winter, and repair work has been started late. Spare parts are now in great demand, and delay in their arrival is holding up agriculture in many parts. The distribution of oil fuel is also far from satisfactory. The Commissariat of Agriculture has stated that the greater part, probably more than 70 per cent., of the work on the collective farms and individual peasant holdings this year will still have to be done by horses, and it is therefore necessary during the next few weeks to force the feeding of horses in order to retrieve as many as possible of those which have become unfit for service.

Until the end of March the Government directed most attention to collective and State farms, but it has now published orders that the uncollectivized peasants must also be helped in every possible way, as they still have about 40 per cent. of the land, and must serve as important auxiliaries on the "grain front" this year. The forcible collectivization of these, which was resumed in February and March, has now been officially discountenanced.

The Soviet Government had expected that the control of agriculture would be easier this year, the major part of the peasants having apparently settled down under the collective farming system. The Press explains that the chief, if not the only, cause of the present difficulty is due to "depersonalization," or the absence among the peasants on these farms of the feeling of personal responsibility, that preparations for sowing have been neglected because they have been regarded as everybody's, and therefore nobody's, business, that the collective farming system is lame at present through lack of leadership. The cure suggested is that stricter discipline should be enforced and that gangers and managers should be endowed with greater powers over their men, holding them personally responsible, with rewards for success and severe penalties in case of failure.

A Moscow telegram dated yesterday says:—Judas Stern and Sergei Sergevitch Vasiliev pleaded guilty before the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R. of a "terroristic act" in making an attempt on the life of the Counsellor of the German Embassy in Moscow, Dr. von Twardowski, on March 5. The trial continues.—*Reuter.*

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October
Twenty-eighth,
Nineteen
Thirty-one.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re: Hydro Electric Commission.

I have been much troubled recently about the repeated attacks from various sources which have been made against your Commission. There is one point of attack however, which does not appear to have been mentioned- one which in my opinion is of real importance- and one which if raised may be a powerful club in the hands of the Liberal Party.

In a conversation between Honourable George S. Henry and myself some two years ago Mr. Henry said in his opinion the Ontario Legislature could take his farm or my house and refuse to pay either of us anything. I replied that might be his opinion but a greater authority than either of us, namely the great Blackstone said that whilst the British Parliament could take lands without compensation for them, it had never done so and in his opinion it would be highly improper for any Legislature to take lands without proper compensation for them.

I understand that the Hydro Electric Commission has the power to expropriate lands which it needs for its purposes. In such case the question of compensation is left to a body designated for that purpose.

If the Hydro Electric Commission has the power to expropriate why has it not been used to expropriate properties like the Dominion Power & Transmission Company, the Chats Falls property and other properties acquired at very large prices in the last two or three years and why in any case would it be necessary to pay commissions to anyone for acquiring any lands or powers it needs?

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If the Hydro has not sufficient powers to expropriate then why does it not get them from the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, which, according to the Premier has such power?

About two years ago the Niagara Falls Commission had a Bill sponsored by Mr. Henry passed for the purpose of enabling it to expropriate certain lands on the bank of the Niagara River. This Bill was rushed through in the dying days of the Legislature and it was only through the merest fluke that those interested in the lands heard of it and were able to raise an objection- not on the Floor of the House but to Premier Ferguson, who then had the Bill brought before the Local Bills Committee under the chairmanship of the Honourable Chas. McCrea.

After listening to the arguments against it until about Ten o'clock in the evening a note from the Premier was handed to the Chairman and the "Yeas" and "Nays" were called for and the Bill was declared to be passed and was put through the Legislature that night.

I have never been satisfied about the wisdom of putting through any of these confiscatory Bills because the Bill referred to is not the only one which has been passed by the Ontario Legislature and I have thought many times that this sort of Legislation was going to prove a boomerang to the present Ontario Government. I have always maintained silence about it, although sometimes perhaps I have been tempted to discuss it with the Leader of the Opposition or even with Mr. Sifton but neither of them have heard anything about it from, or through, me.

I feel, however, that one of these days someone may stumble on one of these Private Bills and raise a row about them. It is a relief to me to give you

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the facts and leave it with you to bear the burden because sometimes it has given me considerable worry.

Yours sincerely,

Charles B. Bennett

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
357 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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October 28, 1931.

Charles B. Nasmith, Esq., K. C.,
General Assurance Building,
Bay & Temperance Streets,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Nasmith:

In the absence of Mr. Meighen I acknowlege your letter of today regarding the Hydro Electric Commission. Mr. Meighen left last night for Western Canada, to be away for about three weeks. If you wish me to forward your letter to him, you might kindly advise me; otherwise, I shall just place it before him upon his return.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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November 23, 1931.

Charles B. Nasmith, Esq., K. C.,
General Assurance Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Nasmith:

I have just returned from a trip West and have before me your letter of the 28th. It is almost needless to say that I am in entire agreement with your view as to not only the gross injustice but the palpable unwisdom of the Ontario Legislature by itself or by any instrumentality taking property without fair compensation.

It does not follow from the above though that all purchases of real property or other property by the Hydro Electric Commission should be by way of expropriation. The experience of the Commission has been quite to the contrary--so much so that they seek to avoid expropriation wherever possible.

I was not a member of the Commission, of course, when the Dominion Power & Transmission Company was acquired, but I think it would be exceedingly dangerous to enter upon expropriation proceedings with such a gigantic property as that. It was a case of either getting the property at such a price as the Hydro Commission felt they could fairly pay for it--that is, at such a price as would make it an advantage to the Commission to buy it, or if not, leaving it alone. The price set under expropriation might be quite beyond such a figure.

I am not sure that I quite fall in line with the view you express regarding the Niagara Falls Commission powers. There does not seem anything wrong in a public Commission exercising, solely for and on behalf of the public the right of expropriation subject, of course, to fair remuneration. Of course, I had nothing at all to do with this and perhaps do not know all the circumstances

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Charles B. Nasmith, Esq., K. C.,
Toronto, Ontario.

and details.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Speak to Mr. Gahy

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House of Commons
Canada

Kingston
Oct 27/21

Dear Mr Meighen

I trust you have sometime to spare without lessening your attention on the youthful Mr Hepburn. so I would like your opinion on this matter.

My boy Donald a Graduate of the Royal Military College will finish at Queens this next Spring. He took a splendid course in R M C in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, coming out second.

He followed Electricity specially and of course is looking for a position.

Has Hydro any vacancies or would he be likely to get a place? Do your men change much so that a fellow could reasonably expect promotion?

What are the salaries paid?

Yr. ever
Ross. MP.

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October 30, 1931.

M. F. Hepburn, Esq., M. P.,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hopburn:

Your letter of October 27th regarding your son, Donald, has been received during Mr. Meighen's absence in the West, and will be placed before him upon his return.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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November 23, 1931.

Hon. Dr. A. E. Ross, M. P.,
Kingston, Ontario.

My dear Dr. Ross:

I am sorry indeed that your letter of 27th has not been acknowledged sooner. I left that day for the West and only saw the letter this morning on my return. It is not signed so my Secretary could not acknowledge it, but I feel quite sure it is from you.

Unfortunately in the Hydro we arelike everybody else, rather overstaffed at the present time. Nevertheless it might be worthwhile for a bright young man with the training Donald has had to make application. I would suggest that he write Mr. F. A. Gaby, giving his experience and indicating the line of work he would like to do. I will speak to Mr. Gaby on his behalf. It will probably, however, be some considerable time before consideration can be given to the application. The salaries paid are fair, though not high, and there is always the same chance of promotion as in any other service.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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GEO. LYNCH-STAUNTON, K.C.

HAMILTON, CANADA

24th November 1931.

Right Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
Toronto,
Ontario.

My dear Meighen:-

In the hope that you have not been on the Power Commission long enough to become case hardened I am writing to draw your attention to a contemplated injustice to power users in Hamilton. The Commission purchased the Dominion Power, and now intend changing the transformers and meters at the expense I am told of a couple of million dollars ($2,000,000) to consumers in Hamilton. I regard this as quite unjustifiable. The Commission had no right to purchase this business unless it could show that it was in the interest of the power users, and that its purchase would not put any more burden on the people here than they had before. Because the Commission paid more than twice its value for the property does not justify it in shouldering this expense on Hamilton, and there certainly will be dissatisfaction expressed if it is done.

I write you this because I think that you will not allow if you can help it a clear injustice to be done to Hamilton.

Very sincerely yours,

Geo Lynch-Staunton

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November 26, 1931.

Hon. Senator George Lynch-Staunton, K. C.,
Hamilton, Ontario.

My dear Senator:

I duly received your letter of 24th.

It has been and is my very earnest desire to actually understand the facts in connection with the management of the great Hydro enterprise and to be governed by those facts, using my best judgment thereon. There is no reason for becoming case hardened.

The purchase of the Dominion Power properties could be justified only because such purchase was in the interests of the Municipalities affected, inclusive, of course, of the City of Hamilton. These interests are of many kinds and are very far-reaching. The Chief Engineer whose judgment has been upheld so far when put to the test, is firmly of the view that such purchase was from his standpoint justified.

In this connection consideration must be given to the fact that the need of the consumers of the old Company for further power was great and their service could by far be the best taken care of by the Hydro, and could by no means be insured under the former conditions. Referring to the special point you mention, namely, the decision of the Hamilton Commission to leave the changing of the transformers from 60 to 25 cycle-power to the individual consumers, I am advised that this was mainly for the reason that certainco sumers in Hamilton had already at their own expense made these transformations and the necessary connections. In one case, that of the Steel Company, this was done at a cost of about $400,000. The Hamilton Commission felt that it would be unfair to these people to adopt any other system than that now decided on, and it would seem to me this contention has merit. In this connection, however, may I say that the consumers are being permitted to take power under present conditions during the lifetime of their contracts. Therefore, no existing right is being interf red with. In case of any special reason for continuance beyond the lifetime of the contract, I feel certain the Commission would give consideration to any application based thereon.

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Hon. Senator George Lynch-Staunton, K. C.,
Hamilton, Ont.

May I ask if you really do make the contention that the Commission paid twice the value for this property? I rather thought that you were of quite the contrary view.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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November 26, 1931.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Guthrie:

Hon. I. B. Lucas, General Counsel for the Ontario Hydro, and myself would like to see you on Saturday morning and intend being in Ottawa that day for this purpose if same would meet your convenience. We desire to see you on the subject of Chats Falls and the Dominion Government's approval relating thereto.

Would you kindly wire me.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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H GUTHRIE.

e.p.R.

Mr. Lucas will fix it up

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November 26th, 1931.

Honorable Arthur Meighen,KC.
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

You are no doubt aware that our New Public Utilities Building will be opened on December 2nd, 1931, and the Commission are taking the liberty of extending to you a personal and pressing invitation to be present with us on this occasion.

We regard your presence with us as very important if we could prevail upon you to spare us this much of your valuable time.

Yours truly,

John Stacey
Chairman.

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November 28th, 1931

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Ontario H.E.P.Commissioner,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

In view of the expectation that you and the Hon.J.R.Cooke will speak at the formal opening of the new Public Utilities building in Oshawa, I wish to apprise you of certain pertinent facts in advance in order to assist you in avoiding any statements of a misleading nature as I have every confidence that under no circumstances would you knowingly misrepresent the actual state of affairs of Hydro administration in Oshawa or any other municipality. I might add, however, that I am just as firmly convinced that the documents pertaining to the Oriental Textiles claim very clearly indicate that a commission, whose personnel no matter how brilliant in politics and in jurisprudence but lacking in engineering experience, becomes impotent to a degree very inimical to the interests of the province in passing judgment on an engineering controversey.

The facts pertaining to Hydro in Oshawa are as follows:

1. A power consumer in Oshawa filing an overcharge claim of approximately $17,000 against Hydro and having been billed by Hydro on meters illegally in service has, after eleven months of controversey, failed to receive either rebate or an explanation of certain obvious error in a specific instance.

2. I can furnish you with photostatic copies of letters from Hydro which by their deliberate evasiveness of the vital question in the controversey condemn Hydro of grave insincerity.

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3. In sixty percent of the manufacturing plants I have visited in Oshawa, Hydro had failed to furnish meters legally in service under the Dominion Meter Inspection Act thereby indicating an utter disregard of the consumers rights.

4. The power consumers in Oshawa have for years been assessed the full penalty on power factor while their Toronto and Hamilton competitors have been exempted contrary to the published rules and regulations of Hydro rates. I can show specific instances wherein Oshawa consumers pay for 150 horsepower for each 100 horsepower paid for by their Toronto and Hamilton competitors for exactly the same power consumed. This difference is irrespective of any legitimate difference in rates.

5. The power consumers in Oshawa have not been informed of the handicap they are carrying against their Toronto and Hamilton competitors and which handicap could be termed a form of discrimination wherein Oshawa consumers are unknowingly helping to pay the power costs of their Toronto and Hamilton competitors.

For your information allow me to point out the question of power factor discrimination is working very serious injustices upon power consumers in various parts of the province and is the base for a number of claims for rebate now being prepared. During the recent election campaign in South Wellington I accepted Mr. Hannigan's challenging statements to the extent of addressing questions to him through the press in Guelph on this subject. Mr. Hannigan failed to clarify the situation with the result that the electors showed their disapproval in no uncertain manner. The failure of your commission to rectify these injustices leaves no alternative but that of urging the Government through the press of the necessity of an immediate investigation.

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Yours very truly,

E. A. Lowry

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November
Twenty-sixth,
Nineteen
Thirty-one.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.
c/o Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 23rd. inst. If expropriation proceedings by the Ontario Hydro Commission have been so unfortunate that your Commission feels it has had to pay a larger amount for properties acquired by it than the same were worth and the expenses in connection therewith have seemed exorbitant, one can understand the desire not to use expropriation proceedings whenever it is unnecessary.

However I wish to draw your attention to another part of the bill prepared by the late George Kilmer, K.C. for Niagara Parks Commission and sponsored by Honourable Mr. Henry where the difficulty of fixing the price to be paid was overcome by a clause in the bill providing that the question of compensation should be left to and fixed by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

I must say I do not think the price of any property should be left to a body like the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board but if it is done in one case why should it not be adopted in others? It might stir up considerable strife and opposition but on the other hand it would possibly afford your Commission an easy and cheap way of acquiring valuable properties.

Yours sincerely,

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November 27, 1931.

C. B. Nasmith, Esq., K. C.,
General Assurance Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Nasmith:

Referring to yours of yesterday, I know of the special clause to which you refer. That was done in order that the difficulties of farmers especially in the matter of expropriations should be overcome. The old method was exceedingly expensive to them and there were many complaints of the machinery being out of proportion to the amount involved. Under the present law a valuator is appointed by the Ontario Government entirely distinct from the Hydro, and in the exercise of his duties he is expected to stand absolutely fairly between the Hydro and the man whose property he is expropriating. He is called in when the Hydro and the individual cannot agree. If his valuation is not accepted, either party can go to the Ontario Municipal Board, and this is far less expensive than going to the Courts.

What I point out though is that the method is simple and much less expensive, and so far we find it more satisfactory than the old, that is in the great majority of cases.

Very sincerely yours,

M/E. Arthur Meighen.

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November 30, 1931

Rt. Hon. A. Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

We are enclosing our Invoices covering the sale to you, of -

O. White

$1,000 Lake St. John Power and Paper Co., Limited, 6½% Bond, Due: February 1, 1947, — 623.75
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and,
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You will note that we are charging interest up to date of delivery on the Ontario Power Service bonds, due to the fact that we ourselves are obliged to pay the interest up to that date, which is to-day. The interest on the Lake St. John bonds has been stopped as of November 26, as you have requested.

Trusting this is satisfactory to you, we are,

Yours faithfully,

COLLINS, KING & CO., LIMITED

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ACCEPTANCE AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

To— The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

I/we hereby accept your offer dated the 5th day of August, 1932, directed to The Holders of the Twenty-year 5½% First (Closed) Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds due July 1st, 1950, of Ontario Power Service Corporation Limited.

In pursuance thereof I/we hereby deposit with Montreal Trust Company said Bond(s) of Ontario Power Service Corporation Limited, accompanied (in the case of coupon bonds) by July 1st, 1932 and subsequent coupons, as follows:

Denomination	Serial Number(s)	Aggregate Principal Amount

I/we do hereby irrevocably appoint Montreal Trust Company attorney and agent of the undersigned with power of substitution to transfer and deliver the said bond(s) in such manner as my/our attorney shall see fit in order to give effect to the terms of said offer.

DATED .....

*NOTE: In the case of registered bonds the signature hereto must be [illegible]tical with the name in which such bonds are registered and such signature must be guaranteed by a Bank or Trust Company. In the case of bearer bonds no such guarantee is necessary.

..... Signature .....
*Signature guaranteed by

Name .....
(Name and address to be printed and state whether Mr. Mrs. or Miss)

Address .....

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Engineering Department

Charles A. Magrath, CHAIRMAN
Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.P.P. COMMISSIONER
C. Alfred Maguire, COMMISSIONER
Frederick A. Gaby, CHIEF ENGINEER

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 5TH EDITION

190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

December 1st, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President and General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Bay Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

The enclosed is a communication in reference to the application of Mr. A. Doyle, which matter you referred to in recent correspondence, and from this communication you will note that everything possible has been done in connection with this matter.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

ENCLOSURE

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

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~~190 University Avenue Toronto~~
18 Wentworth St. N.
Hamilton, Ont.

November 26, 1931.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

C-558-274

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy sent to Mr. Doyle

F. A. Gaby, Esq., D.Sc.,
Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby: Re: Application Mr. A. Doyle for position as Inspector - Hamilton Street Railway.

I have made an investigation in this matter and find that in keeping with the retrenchment programme there is no vacancy in the Inspection Department at present and it is not the intention to replace an Inspector in place of M. Maloney, who was retired in 1930.

The two men who are acting as Inspectors at the present time are only temporary, owing to the reconstruction of James Street at the Subway. This is on account of the re-routing of the various routes until such times as the Subway is completed, which will be about December 15th.

While Doyle is a returned man he resigned his position with the Street Railway prior to the War and went to England and when War was declared he joined the C.E.F. there, but was at the time not an employee of the Street Railway. The fact is that all men who joined the Army held their seniority insofar as their positions were concerned with the old Dominion Power Company and on their return were placed in their original positions in accordance with seniority in service, which dated from the time of their entering service.

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Hamilton, Ont., November 26, 1931.

F. A. Gaby, Esq.

Doyle returned to service with the Company in May 1922 as a conductor or motorman and I believe had a regular run until the one-man car operation was commenced in 1928, when he reverted to the spare list. I find upon investigation that his earnings for the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and for ten months of 1931 averaged approximately $120.00 per month, which would indicate very little difference between the spare and the regular men. In addition to this Doyle receives a pension for War service from the Government.

In the re-arrangement of our present schedules he is now placed on a regular run which will assure him employment, subject to good behaviour, until at least the first of January, 1933.

In view of the above circumstances, I feel that he is being well taken care of and he has open air work which will suit his disability, which, I believe, to be chest trouble. I would further add that his work is entirely satisfactory and if in future there is a vacancy in the Inspection Department he will be considered in order of seniority and ability along with others.

You no doubt are aware of the labor situation in Hamilton, and we are doing our very best to take care of all employees, and while it is not possible to give them full time, they, at least, have sufficient work and earn sufficient money to meet all their necessary requirements. I doubt very much if there is any one of our employees on the cars of the Street Railway drawing less than $100.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO.

GEW:LC. Per: Geo. E. Waller

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DONALD W. FLEMING
GENERAL INSURANCE
ROOM 5 IMPERIAL BANK BLDG.
WINDSOR, ONT.

November 20, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am sorry to bother you again in this matter but I understood from Father, after he saw you that it was arranged to either give me the insurance or the comission, preferably the insurance, on the Hydro here.

I wrote you about four days before the policy fell due, not having heard from anyone. Unfortunately you were in the West and my letter was referred to Mr. Littlejohn of the Hydro Commission, who wired me asking me to come down to Toronto, which I did.

I met Mr. Lucas, Mr. Gaby, Mr. Pope, and Mr. Littlejohn the next morning, but as the rate had not been set by the Association for the coming year at that time, I was unable to tell them what it would be. They asked me to let them know as soon as possible. The rate not being set on the day before the policy was due, I took a binder coverage at an open rate to Mr. Littlejohn, which he told me he could not accept. The following morning, the Saturday on which the policy was due, I offered him a policy with the new rate which had just been set by the Underwriters' Association. He did not have the authority to accept it and Mr. Lucas was sick.

I waited over until the following Monday and saw Mr. Lucas, but he was unable to do anything until the next meeting of the Commissioners, and as I had been in Toronto for five days at that time I was unable to stay any longer. Mr. Lucas promised to write me as soon as the meeting was held, informing me what was going to be done, and I have only heard indirectly from the municipal directors, some of whome were in Toronto later, that the business had been placed again with A. E. Wilson & Co.

A week ago last Monday I was asked by some of the municipal representatives to attend their meeting in reference to the insurance. I explained to them at that meeting how the insurance was carried at the present time with all particulars as to how the rate was arrived at and how in my opinion it could be carried by a local agent with

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DONALD W. FLEMING
GENERAL INSURANCE
ROOM 5 IMPERIAL BANK BLDG.
WINDSOR, ONT.

less cost to the carrying company than under the present arrangements. Some of the members informed me that they had been told in Toronto that the insurance had been carried at a lower rate than I could carry it, and also that, while the rate had been set at 6% for the year by the Association, during the year it had gone up to 7% at one time and through the efforts of A. E. Wilson and Co., it had been reduced to less than 5%. In my experience in the insurance business, I have never heard of this variation of rate during the policy year and I informed the municipal representatives that this could not be correct, so they decided to ask some official from the Hydro to be at their meeting next Monday morning to prove to them that this had been done.

They were also informed by these same people that the reason for the rate being increased, as it has been for the last two or three years, was on account of the writer trying to get the business. I am hardly able to credit a responsible party making such a statement, as rates are not effected by competition but solely on the experience of the carrying company.

While I quite appreciate, Mr. Meighen, that you have been put to a lot of trouble in this matter, i means so much to the writer and the other agents involved, in the Border Cities, to place our own business here, that I would appreciate anything further you might do.

Yours very truly,

D.W. Fleming

DWF/EL.

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Hydro 129533

December 3, 1931.

Mr. Donald W. Fleming,
Room 5, Imperial Bank Bldg.,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

On my return from the West I received your letter of 20th November. This matter seems to have been pretty well settled in my absence. When your father was in I told him just the information given me, and really amounting to a decision, that the majority of the Commission took the view that they could not take the risk in the matter of public liability insurance of the protection they feel they have in the services of the larger firm. They are most sympathetic towards a distribution of the insurance in Windsor, and feel that you have already a very considerable share of this. I certainly would be far better pleased myself if the matter could have been arranged more satisfactorily to you.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro

Copy for The Rt.-Hon. Mr. Meighen.

December 3rd, 1931.

Mr. E. C. Brooking,
R. R. #3,
OSHAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:- RE - N. A. 52 x 54 - 3.

Your letter herein of November 9th was duly received.

The Commission's files show that when the first Gatineau line was constructed over your property it was not necessary to locate a tower thereon, but there was a slight overhang for wires for which you were paid the sum of $10.00. It appears that it was also necessary to cut some trees for which you were paid the sum of $50.00. This should have completed the matter for that line, but it appears that the agent who was dealing with this matter, and who was comparatively new to his duties, undertook to have the wood in these trees, for which you had already been paid, cut into stove wood lengths. You advised that you desired the length into which the wood was to be cut, sixteen inches, and as the Commission did not have the necessary men or equipment to do this work at the time, arrangements were made with

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you to do this cutting at $1.00 per cord, the payment which was made to you on this account being $150.00. You also were paid a small claim for damages, namely $10.00.

As pointed out in the letter written you on January 22nd, 1931, the clause in the agreement providing for the cutting of the wood into stove wood lengths should never have been included in the agreement as you had already been paid for the wood, but as the Commission did not wish any friction in the matter, and the adjustor had made the agreement with you, it received approval.

When the agreement for the second line was entered into you were paid $50.00 for the right to erect one tower, $5.00 for one pole, $72.90 for damages, and $48.00 for the right to cut additional trees, making a total payment of $175.90.

Instructions were given the adjustor that no agreements, covering the cutting into stove wood lengths of trees which had been paid for, were to be entered into, consequently you have no claim in that connection.

On line No. 3, one tower was located on your property for which you were paid $175.00.

On line No. 4 there will also be one tower when this line is constructed, and you have been paid $250.00 for the right to erect this tower.

In all there are three towers and one pole, with a slight overhang over your property, for which, together with some tree cutting rights, you have been paid $800.90.

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Mr. E. C. Brooking. Dec. 3/31.

I am advised that this is very liberal compensation, and that request for further payment cannot be entertained.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY.

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GEO. LYNCH-STAUNTON, K.C.

HAMILTON, CANADA

4th December 1931.

Right Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
Toronto,
Ontario.

My dear Meighen:-

Many thanks for your letter which I found here on my return.

If the Steel Company voluntarily spent $400,000 to change over without any compensating circumstances coming into effect the officials are stupider than I thought them, but I cannot appreciate why that fact should move the Commission to compel other consumers to follow in their wake. The argument that the expense will not be incurred until the expiry of present contracts might be convincing were it not that the contracts could have been renewed but for the Commissioners' action, but the point I make is that the Commission was not justified in buying the property if the purchase resulted in the cost going up to the Hamilton consumers either by change of transformers or cost of current. This is an industry carried on at the public expense and its existence is only excused when it reduces costs substantially, and is an imposition under any other circumstances.

Regarding my statement that the Commission paid twice the value of the Dominion Power - 1928 is the last statement I have seen - the Company earned $448,474 net. after allowing for maintenance, but allowing nothing for write off, I am told that a great deal of the most essential plant is to be scrapped either because of age or inefficiancy, and the fact that your changing the cycle bears that out because there is sufficient demand for the Company's production with the old cycle to absorb all the property can produce, and so the reason for the change must be the condition of the plant. The Railways are all a liability and not an asset. The Street Railway was valued at $4,000,000 by the Commission - it is worth nothing - I do not think that it can be operated to pay anything without an increase in fares which although it may be granted to the Hydro would not have been granted to the Dominion Power Company.

It has always been considered that an Industrial should pay 10% on its cost. This I hardly think will pay 4% - its '28 report does not show sufficient to pay 2% on the cost,

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Right Hon.Arthur Meighen:

and I have never known any purchaser excepting a Government to buy on such a basis.

Some years ago acting for the Dominion I tried to sell the property to Sir Wm.Hearst for $1,800,000 - he and Beck turned me down. In those days it was believed that the Dominion owned the water and the Province had an understanding that it could double the supply of water and production at DeCew Falls and the Niagara Power had not then been constructed so that the property was much more valuable under then conditions than it now is - at least I so argued

Sincerely yours,

Geo. Lynch-Staunton

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GEO. LYNCH-STAUNTON, K.C.

HAMILTON, CANADA

5th December, 1931.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
Toronto,
Ontario.

My dear Meighen:-

In my letter of yesterday I wrote "the '28 report does not show sufficient to pay 5% on the cost" and changed it to "2½%". I did this because I considered the interest paid by the Company $445,749 was bank interest and should be deducted from the net earnings. Properly one should not deduct the interest on the funded debt. In this case it amounts to $364,800 which leaves net earnings at $826,200. Instead of 2½% I should have said "about 3½%".

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. Lynch-Staunton

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December 7, 1931.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Chairman,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is letter just received from Senator Lynch-Staunton. I think it would be well to have prepared a memorandum answering the contentions of this letter and any particulars bearing on the value of the Dominion Power property at the time Senator Staunton wanted the Commission to buy it and at the later time in which it was bought. Personally I would like this memorandum to be fairly complete all round. I would use such parts of it at such times as I felt advisable.

Have been trying to get in touch with you to-day. Am leaving at 4.30 for London, to be back tomorrow noon.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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347 Bay Street,
Toronto, December 4, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter received to-day from Mr. Thomas J. Botham, together with copy of my reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Copy for Mr. Meighen

December 5th, 1931.

Mr. Thomas J. Botham,
North Augusta,
Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

The Hon. Mr. Meighen has forwarded on to us a copy of your letter addressed to him under date of December 1st, 1931, and we are enclosing herewith an application blank, which you will please fill out and return to this office for record purposes.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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December 7, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter evidently send anonymously, but which you may feel needs attention.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Thorndale Dec 5/31

Hon Arthur Meighen

Dear Sir

As there is talk about investigating the Hydro problems, I thought it might be a proper thing to let you know what is running through the minds of many Urban and rural ~~minds~~ heads with reference to Hydro, First of all the rates are so high to urban users that no one can install Hydro in a Mill to compete with Mills in a large centre, this is one important reason why Villages are fast dying out, business cannot continue in such centres without a fair chance, Notwithstanding the fact that many farmers are installing Hydro, the rates are much too high in proportion to their business, Hydro is very largely similar to Postage, why should a large centre get it at a low rate while the surrounding country has to pay a much higher rate, the large centre would not have made such strides if it had not had busy rural surroundings, It is true, the Hydro Commission must take in enough cash to pay their bills, I believe they would be warranted in bringing the Rates for City and country nearer together and thereby help those who are carrying the heaviest burdens, if the load is not soon lightened very many of our best farms will be in the hands of the Mortgage holders or worse, in foreigners hands,

Respectfully
R H Harding
Chairman, Village & Hydro

Also a Conservative

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December 9, 1931.

Mr. R. H. Harding,
Thorndale, Ont.

Dear Mr. Harding:

I have your letter of 5th. Have read this letter with much interest, and quite appreciate the argument which you have advanced on behalf of the rural consumers. There are two things, however, which must be remembered. The first is that already it is only in relation to rural consumers that the Government of Ontario gives any special assistance. As you are aware, the Government advances half of the installation costs up to the consumer's gate. The other fact to be kept in mind is that in the comparison as to postage, there is no special advantage given rural users of the Post Office any more than town or city users. It is true all distances are alike, save within the area of town or city itself, so far as the value of the stamp required is concerned, but this is of equal advantage to town and city.

What I want to mention specially, however, is that we as a Hydro Commission are compelled to act within the law, and the law provides that we must supply each Municipality with electric power at cost, and indeed, each class of consumer at cost. We can not, therefore, do otherwise unless the Legislature of the Province alters the law. Our duty is to administer as we find it, and this we are doing.

In the same connection if a change of principle were to be considered by the Legislature, there would be a great many things to take into account, which I could not go into in this letter. It is indeed a very big and a very serious matter, but again I say it is a problem for the Legislature and not for us.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

AW/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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November 26, 1931.

Mr. Rod. Beaudet,
Blackburn, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 24th. Will have this matter looked into and advise you.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.
Commissioner.

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November 26, 1931.

Mr. Hugill,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Rod. Beaudet, Blackburn, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly send me a memo upon which I can base an answer to the enclosed letter.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Commissioner.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO. .....

DATE December 4th, 1931.

MEMORANDUM TO RT.-HON. MR. MEIGHEN.

SUBJECT RE - ATTACHED LETTER FROM R. BEAUDET, T. 1 D. 1.

The adjustor's report shows that this man is the owner of part of Lot 7, Concession 3, Township of Gloucester, which is supposed to be used for garden purposes, and which is apparently not well taken care of.

Four poles have been placed on the property; one in the fence line which does not interfere with the use of the land; one in cultivation; one in a lane where there is also no interference, and one in rough land, only one pole apparently causing any inconvenience.

The usual price paid by the Commission for pole rights on ordinary farm lands is $5.00 per pole, but in this case, as it was claimed that one of the poles seriously interfered with cultivation of the land for garden purposes, the sum of $35.00 was offered in full compensation.

Five or six calls were made upon this man, but no progress was made in effecting a settlement. He afterwards placed the matter in the hands of Messrs. LaFleur & Pothier, Barristers of Ottawa, who wrote me in reference to the claim. I replied advising them as to the conditions, and stating that the offer which had been made appeared reasonable, but they replied saying their client could not accept the offer made.

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Rt.-Hon. Mr. Meighen. Dec. 4/31.

This offer appears to me reasonable, but for the sake of effecting a settlement it might be well to increase it to $50.00, and I would suggest that you advise Mr. Beaudet that it is expected one of the Commission's claims agents will be in that locality soon, with instructions to call upon him again. I might say that he has demanded $100.00 in settlement.

Yours truly,

E.A. Hardie

EAH:M. RIGHT-OF-WAY DEPARTMENT.

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ROD. BEAUDET
ASSESSOR
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER
CYRVILLE, ONT.

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NOTED
NOV 27 1931
E. A. HUGILL

Blackburn Ont. March 4th 1931

Hon. Arthur Meighen Esq.
Toronto Ont.

Dear Sir, I take the liberty to write you on a question that I have tried to settled with the Hydro Electric with no success. I realize very well the extraordinary of my doing, yet having no body in Toronto to whom I could refer this matter which I will explain presently, and having had the pleasure of knowing you at one time I feel that when you are a commissioner of the Hydro, you would probably take up this matter with the board for old time sake.

What I desire is a fair compensation for (4) four poles place upon my property at Blackburn. I have made necessary demands and was offered $35.00 damage. which I consider out of proportion to the inconvenience cause by said poles. As you know I am a market gardener of small means. and have not the necessary funds to fight the Hydro. Yet our pole is place in a field, tile drained, a field used to produce gardens crops, which means used several times a season. Now can you imagine how costly it is for me, what lost of time its means beside inconvenience. so I hope that you will take up the matter and I remain Yours truly Rod Beaudet.

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Hydro

December 9,1931.

Mr. Rod Beaudet,
Blackburn, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of 24th only the other day. Have already referred it to the Chief Engineer.

From the memorandum which they sent me, it would appear as though, having regard to the general level of payments and the principles which have through the years been adopted by the Commission, you have been fairly well treated. However, I may advise you that it is probable one of the Commission's agents will be in your locality very soon with instructions to call on you again.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Dear Mr Meighen,
you will have to excuse the condition of these cards as they have been lying around for the last fifteen years and the children have marked them I never thought we would need them again We had two more dated about Jan 1915 and August 1915 but I cant find them, it is only to let you see that he would have enlisted from the Companys service had the Army accepted him that I am sending these.

Sadie Doyle

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82 Garside Avenue. 129554
Hamilton.
Ontario.
December 9th 1931

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd,
National Building.
Toronto.

Dear Mr Meighen,
I am very thankful to you for sending on the copy of the letter received by Mr Gaby from Hamilton and for the interest you have taken in my husbands behalf.
Now dear Mr Meighen there are several Statements in Mr Gabys letter which are far from correct, and I cannot understand how anyone can say they made an investigation in the matter or how the records of the Street Railway could contain them.
The first statement is, that Mr Doyle left the Company's employment prior to the War and went to England, and when War was declared joined up with the C. E. F. there, this is not correct,

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The facts are Mr Doyle was employed as a Conductor on the Hamilton St Rly. from April 1913 until October 15th 1916 and he gave notice to the present Superintendent Mr Wm Parker a week previous that he was leaving the service on that date. He sailed for England on October 20th 1916 and arrived there on Oct 31st and it was quite a few months after before they would accept him for Service as he had to undergo an operation to have the Cataract removed from his eye which was the cause of his defect, and then there was a lot of Red Tape before they would transfer him to a Canadian Regt.

I am enclosing his last two Rejection Cards from the Recruiting League in Hamilton as proof. and besides, I think you were in Hamilton in 1916. when we were living on Mt Hamilton.

The next statement is that Mr Doyle went on the Spare List in 1928 with the advent of the One Man Cars. Now he did not go on the Spare List until.

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It was not the pay that he worried about it was steady work as he was afraid he would get laid off if the Cars went all one-man at the beginning of the year as was first intended, and as the two Regular men who were acting Insp; were sure of work no matter how the Cars went he made application for Inspectorship.

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again owing to the change in working hours and the One Man-bars being postponed for another year.

Now dear Mr Meighen I would like you to make known the contents of this letter to Mr Gabry, as the statements contained in his letter makes my husbands application appear in quite a different light.

I called to see you when I was down visiting a friend at Christie Hospital last week, to ask your advice about some real estate we have, and to let you know that Mr Doyle was on regular work again, but as this letter is already too long and taken up too much of your valuable time already, I will wait until some later date.

So with kindest regards to Mrs Meighen & yourself.

I remain.
very respectfully yours
Sadie Doyle.

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Mr. Meighen

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December 11, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I am sorry to trouble you again, but the attached letter from Mrs. Albert Doyle corrects two or three points in your letter to me regarding this man. My Secretary showed Mrs. Doyle your letter the last time she was in the office. The certificates Mrs. Doyle refers to in her letter were sent me, so there is no doubt she is correct on that point.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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GORDON DANIEL CONANT

OSHAWA, ONTARIO

December 8th, 1931.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your very kind letter of the 4th inst., and particularly for your statement that you will speak to Hon. Mr. Price personally. I have also noted with great interest and gratitude Hon. Mr. Cooke's attitude.

Respectfully yours,

G D Conant

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.
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TORONTO, Ont.

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Honourable Sir:

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December 17, 1931.

Messrs. A. J. Denne & Co.,
15th Floor, Star Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

I have your letter of 16th. The subject matter of same will be laid before the Commission. I may say this question has been discussed on some occasions, but no positive conclusion has been arrived at.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Engineering Department

Charles A. Magrath, CHAIRMAN
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Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
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190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

December 18th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President and General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Bldg.,
347 Bay St.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Rather than wait any longer for the special pamphlet we have under preparation I would suggest that you forward the enclosed letter on to Mrs.Barrie, along with the accompanying excerpt from the Annual Report and copy of the statement entitled "Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, Its Origin, Administration, etc." The Pamphlet above referred to re supply of rural power will no doubt be ready in a very short time when it will be available for distribution and it will answer such criticisms as that of Mrs.Barrie.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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December 19, 1931.

Mr. Alexander Keith,
101 Wells Hill Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Keith:

I have already, as promised, had this matter up before the Commission, but have not been able to get anything definite in the way of an improved offer or any suggestion. I shall have it up again very shortly and may be able to write you more definitely.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen

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GORDON DANIEL CONANT

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OSHAWA, ONTARIO

December 19th, 1931.

Personal-

Dear Mr. Meighen:

You might be interested in my proposed advertisement for all of the Cobourg papers next week. I am getting the figures to complete this from Mr. Jeffrey and when it is set up I think it will present some striking figures.

Referring to the matter we discussed yesterday and upon reconsideration, I think Strachan Johnston would be about the right man. He undoubtedly has the political and professional qualifications and he should know considerable about such matters, as I seem to remember that he was counsel for the Central Ontario - Sun Life people when they sold the Central Ontario system in 1916. With the aid of an industrious assistant no time should be lost.

Cordially,

G. D. Conant

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Bldg.,
TORONTO, Ont.

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December 21, 1931.

Gordon D. Conant, Esq.,
Barrister,
Oshawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Conant:

Thanks very much for your letter of 19th. The advertisement looks to me about right. We appreciate very much the interest you are taking in this matter and sincerely trust the By-laws will carry.

On the other point, I took up the subject with Mr. Cooke immediately on my return and his attitude was just as I told you it would be. He said, however, that he thought the senior partner of the man you refer to had already been selected or that a commitment was made in some way. Both he and I hope that if this is the case it will not interfere with the plan you have in mind, but it may. We are keeping close to the subject.

Very sincerely yours,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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GORDON DANIEL CONANT

OSHAWA, ONTARIO

December 24th, 1931.

Personal-

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am grateful for and have noted with much interest your letter of the 21st inst.

Speaking quite impersonally, I think it would be a great mistake to confine the matter politically or geographically. Speaking personally, I will certainly appreciate and do my very best to justify anything you and Hon. Mr. Cooke may do.

Cordially yours,

G W Conant

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Bldg.,
TORONTO, Ont.

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City of Windsor

DAVID A. CROLL
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Windsor, Ont.,
December 14, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
CHAIRMAN, Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I wired you on October 29th and again on October 31st with reference to Hydro Insurance.

The liability Insurance on the Hydro Electric roads was placed this year as in past years, during your absence in the West, with the A. E. Wilson Company. The Insurance could have been placed through Windsor agents on the same rate, if the Hydro Electric Power Commission had so desired.

You no doubt know that there is an immense deficit on the roads this year, which we will be required to pay, I believe, without being permitted to refinance. This will be quite a burden on the community. I have time and again requested the officials of the Hydro to place the Liability Insurance with Border Cities agents, but without avail.

I would appreciate your ascertaining the reason why this Insurance must be placed with A. E. Wilson & Company, and advising me.

Yours very truly,

MAYOR.

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City of Windsor

DAVID A. CROLL
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Windsor, Ont.,
December 19, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Chairman, Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

On December 14th, Mayor Croll wrote to your with reference to Hydro Insurance.

Will you be so good as to grant the Mayor the favour of a reply?

Yours very truly,

Jeanette Sanocki

JEANETTE SANOCKI
Secretary to the Mayor.

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December 23, 1931.

Miss Jeanette Sanocki,
Secretary to the Mayor,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Please do not think I am purposely delaying answering the Mayor's letter. The Hydro Commission meets to-day and I am in hopes of being able to get the Hydro's position in form which I can transmit to the Mayor.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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December 23, 1931.

David A. Croll, Esq.,
Mayor,
Windsor, Ont.

Dear Mr. Croll:

I duly received your letter of 14th December and am exceedingly sorry I was not able to get the material in hand in time to make a more prompt reply. Please accept this expression of regret and my certain assurance that no discourtesy was intended.

The material which I asked for is now in the form of a memorandum and is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.
Commissioner.

AM/E.
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Toronto 2

December 23rd, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am attaching hereto a memorandum which I believe will be satisfactory for forwarding to Mayor Croll in regard to the Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance. I am also enclosing, for your information, copy of detailed memorandum received from Mr. Lucas in connection with this matter under date of December 22nd, 1931.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Gaby

CHIEF ENGINEER

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December 22, 1931.

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner,
Hydro-elec.Power Comm.of Ontario,
National Building,
Bay street, TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I would like to get your viewpoint on a certain matter that indirectly affects the Ontario Hydro and would appreciate it if you could name a time at your convenience when you could spare me a few minutes. Perhaps you would have your secretary call me - El.0467. Almost any time would suit me.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Carr

Walter Carr,
Managing Editor.

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101 Wells Hill Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,
December 18th, 1931.

The Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commissioner,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Electric Refrigerators Ltd. and Hydro

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

The representatives of the creditors are again urging action in this matter.

When I interviewed you some time ago, you promised to inquire as to the statements that I then made to you and which I outlined in a letter to you of the same date.

Upon receipt of your Secretary's letter of October 28th last, advising me of your protracted absence from the City, I so informed the creditors committee and stated to them my firm belief that you would make the inquiry promised.

I may say that the offer submitted by Mr. Lucas would approximately, just about pay the legal expenses, the liquidators fees and the preferred claim of the Government for the sales tax plus penalties on the sixty refrigerators that were delivered to the Commission. The creditors would be virtually ignored and the flagrant injustice to them and to my son and his associates would remain. The Commission's name should be above reproach.

To quote a statement attributed to yourself, the Commission are "business trustees" for the people. Surely the trust particularly applies to a special transaction such as this one is.

Please let me know if the matter is receiving your consideration. I am confined to the house through illness; otherwise I would endeavour to see you personally.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Keith

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December 23, 1931.

Mr. Alex Keith,
101 Wells Hill Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Keith:

With further reference to your letter of 18th, I had this matter up at the meeting of the Commission to-day. The whole matter was very thoroughly reviewed.

It appears that there are a great many facts, of which your Company must have knowledge, which are very important indeed from the standpoint of the Commission. One outstanding fact is that the machines delivered were not up to warranty and the Commission lost very heavily upon them.

After the review of to-day it seemed quite clear to me that a further offer beyond that made in the letter of October last could not be justified. In this connection it must be remembered that the Commission has placed no obstacle in the way of the matter being thrashed out in Court and decided on the merits.

I regret I am not able to send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.
Commissioner.

AM/E.

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December 24, 1931.

Robert Smith Esq.,
c/o Hydro Electric Commission,
Perth, Ontario.

Dear Bob:

Sir Henry Drayton has been ill ever since you were down and is still in bed and will be for some time. Consequently I have been able to get to him only indirectly, but from the messages he has sent to me I do not think there is any chance of the Commission receding from their position. The plea is, of course, that if they do so, they will create a precedent which will be a permanent source of embarrassment to them. I can quite understand that this would be the case. To make an exception of Perth would virtually be to repeal the rule, and they think it is just as important for the rule to apply to the Hydro Electric Commission as to any other Electric office, because they think if there is no such rule they would be getting into difficulties in more places than one.

Am sorry not to have been in a position to get more satisfactorily into the subject, but I feel certain this is the final decision.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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Ayr, Ontario
November 30th, 1931.

E.K. McIntyre, Esq.,
Village Clerk,
Ayr, Ontario

Dear Sir:- Re James Little.

I understand that Mr. Little has filed a qualification for the office of Hydro Commissioner for the Village of Ayr, and since he has no opposition, I presume he has been declared elected. I also understand that Mr. Little is ineligible under the provisions of Section 53 of The Municipal Act to be elected a member of the Commission.

I shall be glad if you will look into the legal aspects of the case prior to the first meeting of the Commission.

Yours truly,

"Gary Bird"

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December 28th, 1931.

W.G.HANNA.

Mr. Henry Griffin,
Chairman,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
AYR, Ontario

Dear Sir:-

Re: Ayr H.E.P.C.
Re: James Little.

Since letter to you of the 16th of December further information has been received. When the first letter of the 8th of December was written I understood that Mr. Little had been elected by acclamation and there was no real question at issue. Since then it appears that there is a serious dispute in regard to this matter. In these circumstances it is my duty to point out to you the policy of the Commission, namely, when the position is subject to dispute an employee of this Commission should not take part in local municipal affairs.

Yours truly,

LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

WGH/HC.

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December 26, 1931.

Mr. W. George Hanna,
Legal Department,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:- Re: James Little.

I beg to supplement the letter I have just written to you by saying, that as we are large users of electric power at this mill, we would on this account alone prefer to have a man as caretaker at the substation who does not occupy the position of hydro commissioner.

If we, or you, had any criticism to make regarding the man in charge of the substation, it is much less delicate for either of us to critize when the man has not an official position in the Village, than when he holds both.

As we are busy both by day and by night, it would be a very serious thing, if we were held up because of any neglect of duty by anyone in charge of the electricity in the Village.

Yours very truly,
HECKER-H-O COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED.

Manager.

G.B/M.

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December 26, 1931.

Mr. W. George Hanna.
Legal Department,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:- Re: James Little.

In reference to the conversation I had in the beginning of this week with Mr.Gaby and yourself regarding the holding by James Little of the position of hydro commissioner, and the position of caretaker of the substation in Ayr, I will be much obliged if you will let me know, by the middle of next week, whether any action has been taken on your part to prevent Mr.Little holding both of these positions at the same time.

As a protest regarding his holding the appointment of hydro commissioner must be made within a certain time from the date of his nomination, I will be unable to wait longer that the middle of next week before entering this protest.

My stand in the matter is, that if Mr.Little wishes to be hydro commissioner, he should resign as caretaker of the substation, or, if he wishes to be caretaker of the substation, then he should resign as hydro commissioner.

Smoke, and Smoke, Paris, Ontario, hold strongly the opinion that the holding of these two positions together is illegal. As Smoke and Smoke have been solicitors for the town of Paris for many years, and as Mr.Smoke, Sr., is M.P. for the County of Brant, this firm is, as a matter of course, pretty well versed in municipal and public affairs.

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December 26, 1931

Mr. W. George Hanna - 2 -

Besides having had the advice of Smoke and Smoke, I also asked a lawyer, well known in legal circles, his opinion regarding this subject. He, to be sure, had not his law books by him at the time I inquired, but he said he felt sure that it is highly improper for any man to hold two such positions at once.

As to take this matter to law will be costly, it will, of course, be better to have it settled rather than to have to take legal proceedings.

I feel sure that if you notified Mr.Little that it is not acceptable to you to have him occupy the position of caretaker of the substation, if he is determined to be hydro commissioner, I think that he would bow to your wishes in this matter, or, if you think there is a grave danger of it being illegal for him to hold both positions, I think that the Village Council would not allow the appointment to be protested.

Whatever you decide, I will feel much obliged if you will let me hear from you by the middle of next week.

Yours truly,
HECKER-H-O COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED.

Manager.

G.B/M.

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THE HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY CO.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

HAMILTON, CANADA December 24, 1931.

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Mr. Meighen

F. A. Gaby, Esq., D.Sc.,
Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby: Re: Albert Doyle

The statements as contained in Mrs. Doyle's letter may be substantially correct.

The statements to you in my letter of the 26th ulto. were from information received from our Operating Department, but on going into the matter personally I find that the dates as given in Mrs. Doyle's letter again are correct.

However, I do not feel that Doyle has anything to worry about as regards regular work in future, as he is well up in the seniority list.

I regret the misinformation contained in my letter to you.

Yours very truly,

Geo. E. Fraller

GEW:LC. Manager.

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December 29, 1931.

Mrs. Albert Doyle,
82 Garside Avenue,
Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Doyle:

I received your letter of 9th and have taken it up again with the Hydro. They now admit that the dates given in your letter are correct, and regret very much the error made in their letter to me. They feel, however, that as Mr. Doyle is well up in the seniority list, there is pretty good assurance that he will do about as well as can be expected these times.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner.

AM/E.

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NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

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FREDERICTON, N.B.,
December 28,1931.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I would appreciate it very much if you would be good enough to have forwarded to me from the office of the Ontario Hydro Commission a copy of report for the year 1931, or if that report is not ready, copy of the report for the year 1930. What I am looking for is information particularly relative to the rates charged in rural districts in the Province of Ontario, that is, service rates and rates for the juice both for power purposes and lighting purposes.

Thanking you very kindly for your courtesy in this matter and wishing you a very prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. D. Palmer

JDP/A

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December 30, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I have to-day received a letter from Mr. J. D. Palmer, New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, Fredericton, N. B., asking for a copy of Hydro Commission report for 1931, or if that is not ready, copy of report for 1930. He says what he is looking for is information particularly relative to the rates charged in rural districts in the Province of Ontario, that is, service rates and rates for the juice both for power purposes and lighting purposes.

Will you kindly see that this matter receives attention.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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December 28, 1931.

Mr. E. N. Shier,
Kirkton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 21st. Will take this matter up with the officers of Hydro, and you will hear from themdirect.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen
Commissioner.

AM/E.

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December 28, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from E. N. Shier of Kirkton, with copy of my reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION

190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

December 28th, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President and General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Bldg.,
347 Bay St.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your use, pass between all stations of the Hydro-Electric Railways and also pass between all stations on the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway line, these being valid until December 31st, 1933.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I am,

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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R J Arnill
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December 29, 1931.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

As requested by your Secretary I am sending you herewith letters received by Mr. Meighen from Mr. R. J. Arnhill of Holstein, Ont.

Yours very truly,

E.
Encl.

Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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December 30th, 1931.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am sending you herewith a proposed statement to be delivered to rural consumers in order to inform them as to the underlying principles with respect to rural electrical service in Ontario. This statement is made for the purpose of correcting some misrepresentations with regard to rural service in Ontario and is being forwarded to you for any suggestions or comments you may have to make, so that I may obtain the Commission's approval for its distribution to the rural consumers at as early a date as possible.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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The Provincial Improvement Corporation Limited

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303 NORTHERN ONTARIO BUILDING
330 BAY STREET
Toronto, Canada

HEAD OFFICE
ELGIN 9265-6

December,
Twenty-third,
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
57 Castle Frank Crescent,
TORONTO.

Dear Sir:

With sincere gratitude for past favours, I am coming to you again with a special request, this time, not for the Company or myself, but on behalf of a valued friend and advisor of ours and a neighbour of yours - Mr. A. R. Holmes, 11 Castle Frank Crescent (Ra.4667).

A graduate Engineer and Contractor with over thirty-five years experience, Mr. Holmes, was recently forced to relinquish the business, which in the last two years, owing to conditions in the construction field, was proving a liability instead of an asset. Owing to his natural reluctance to seek assistance from his friends in re-establishing himself, he apparently is experiencing difficulty in forming a new connection.

Having benefited from Mr. Holmes' ability, rare vision and sterling character, I feel justified in highly recommending him to any organization or individual and it occurred to me that in the great Hydro Organization, Mr. Holmes' experience in the construction field, might be valuable.

I can assure you I would esteem it a great favour if there is anything you could do for him in the way of recommendations or guidance and if in a casual way you could communicate with him, either personally or through a department Head, without, of course, divulging that I have taken the liberty of writing you.

May I thank you in advance for any courtesies you may extend on Mr. Holmes' behalf.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours very truly,

F W Robins

President.

FWB:T

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Speak to Mr. Gaby

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347 Bay Street,
December 30, 1931.

Mr. F. W. Bohin,
President,
Provincial Improvement Corporation,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I duly received your letter of 23rd. The Hydro organization has reasons for a lesser rather than a greater staff at the present time. However, if Mr. Holmes will send in an application addressed to Mr. F. A. Gaby, I will be pleased to speak to Mr. Gaby, communicating to him your very high recommendation on behalf of Mr. Holmes.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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101 Wells Hill Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,
December 24th, 1931.

The Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commissioner,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Electric Refrigerators Ltd. and Hydro

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Illness has prevented an earlier reply to your letter of the 19th inst., the contents of which I have communicated to the members of the committee.

It appears that there is more than a matter of money involved in this case.

From what Sir Adam Beck told me personally and subsequently by his letter of February 9th, 1921, I am sure that he desired the fullest information. My recollection is that he requested me to see Mr. Pope and assist him towards this end, and that I did.

Knowing the pride that Sir Adam Beck took in the good name of the Commission and his wish to have this matter cleared up, and because of my own regard for the Commission and Sir Adam's memory, and my sense of the injustice that was done, my feelings are somewhat difficult to describe.

The victims of this tragedy trusted all their material possessions to the Commission. While believing that they were marching on to fortune, they were needlessly and literally allowed to go to their ruin. The reproach is greater still because a young Canadian unusually skilled in his profession and of great promise to Canada, having sacrificed his business in his country's cause, and having just returned from overseas was seeking a new career. The opportunity offered seemed to be most appropriate, and believing absolutely in the representations that were made to him, he gave up other plans that had been made for him by myself. He always regarded the refrigerator as a Hydro "child". It was a worthy child and one that Hydro should have nourished, but did not. The result brought ruined health to my son and temporarily at least, a ruined career. A foreign country has treated him better than his own did.

I have never before referred to my son in this way, and do so now because I feel that you and the other members of the Commission should know the whole truth.

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I thank you for your letter and am glad that I could send it to others who had apparently lost confidence in an enterprise that they were once proud of. Because in this matter a reflection has been made on Sir Adam Beck, I urge that we carry out his wish as expressed to me, and that we meet in friendly discussion and without prejudice to any interest that may be involved.

Extending to you the Season's Greetings, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Alex. Keith

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December 29, 1931.

Mr. Alex Keith,
101 Wells Hill Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Keith:

I have your letter of 24th. I have gone into this matter so fully on more than one occasion with the Commission officers that I am quite certain there is nothing further I can do. The Commission claim they have sustained heavy losses, and insist that if more is demanded than the offer made, the Courts will have to decide which is right and which is wrong.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner.

AM/E.

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MR. ALEXANDER KEITH
101 WELLS HILL AVENUE
TORONTO

Dec 30 1931

The Rt Hon Arthur Meighen
Hydro Electric Power Commissioner
City.

Dear Mr Meighen: re: Hydro Elec Repts

Your letter of the 29th inst. has come at a time of great anxiety, because of the illness of one of our grandchildren who is at present a member of our household, and whose life has been hovering in the balance for some days.

I have such respect for you personally that I cannot but regard your opinion as stated, as being sincerely given – I submit however, that both parties should

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be given an opportunity of answering any statement that is adversely made.

The Company was made financially helpless through its agreement with the Commission, and was thus unable to press its claim in the Courts. I thought that I had explained this to you.

In differences like this matter presents the fullest truth is required to light the path to Justice, for, what is less than the full truth may divert you from that path. I can say no more at present.

Sincerely Yours
Alex Keith

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January 2, 1932.

Mr. Alexander Keith,
101 Wells Hill Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 30th. Please accept my sincere sympathy in the trial you are now undergoing. I hope the boy will soon be well again.

As regards the Hydro claim, this is already under suit and there should not be difficulty in getting someone to handle the action for you. I know there is absolutely no use in my taking the subject up farther with the Commission, as it has been definitely decided to let the Courts decide.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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Pemberton & Son
VANCOUVER LIMITED
INVESTMENT BANKERS

416-418 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

December 28, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Meighen:

I understand you are on the Ontario Hydro Commission. I wondered whether you could give us any information as to the hydro contracts with companies such as the Canadian Hydro. As we understand it, these contracts are all binding on the Province and the Province purposes to go through with all of them. Occasionally, however, we hear rumours that it will be necessary to adjust the contracts and, in some cases, to drop them. Do you think there is anything in this?

Some people claim that Ontario will have, on the completion of the present projects, far more power than it requires. Can you give us any information on this?

I do not like to bother you with all this, but, as it is so difficult to get information, we will greatly appreciate your assistance in this connection.

Yours very truly,

S Burke

SB:P

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January 4, 1932.

Stanley Burke, Esq.,
Pemberton & Son,
416 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Mr. Burke:

I have your letter of 28th and am very glad to give you the information asked for.

The Hydro Electric Commission has no contract to take power from the Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation, but has a contract to buy power from the Gatineau Power Company, which is a subsidiary of the Canadian Hydro. It also has contracts to purchase from the Beauharnois Company, the McLaren Company and Ontario Power Service. These contracts are binding upon the Hydro Electric Power Commission and the Commission has not the least anticipation that it will become necessary to default. In fact, such an idea is out of the question. The Commission is in a very strong position with very heavy reserves and while there has been a slackening of power output, the revenues of the Commission are keeping up pretty satisfactorily. If things continue as they are, we will, for the next three or four years have a surplus of power but we do not anticipate a surplus beyond what is usually considered a reasonable excess over actual consumption. In these times all sorts of rumours, of course, are believed especially the most alarming ones, but there is no need for alarm over the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

If there is any other more specific information you would like, I would be only too glad to supply it.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. Lucas says this was on the faith of the understanding reached at the conference (not on the faith of Mr. Smart's letter as dictated by Mr. Meighen)

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January 8th, 1932.

Mr. V. I. Smart,
Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir: Re: Charges payable by the Department to the Hydro Commission (Ontario Power Company) for electric energy at Port Colborne Elevator.

Your letter of the 14th ult. was placed before the Commission to-day and in connection with it the earlier correspondence and history of negotiations with your Department were reviewed at length.

Your proposal that the only question for determination is whether or not the original contract of May 10th, 1907, as modified by the supplementary agreement of July 20th, 1912, has been continued in force and effect between the parties, and, if not, upon what date the said contract ceased to be so continued in force and effect, was, to put it mildly, a surprise to the Commission.

The Commissioners took the view that the arbitrator under the reference should not be tied to any such narrow and technical basis as your letter appears to contemplate and that a review of the circumstances and long negotiations

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justify a demand for a reference on a much broader basis. In support of this view, I was instructed to briefly call your attention to some of the circumstances and the more salient features of the negotiations that have taken place in respect to this claim.

The Commission some years ago had the opinion of its own counsel that the Government was not entitled to be supplied with power under the terms of the old contract and that the Commission upon reasonable notice was entitled to cut off the supply.

This opinion was confirmed later by two prominent counsel in Toronto and the Commission was advised that in order to properly protect its legal position it should serve the notice and, in default of a new agreement being arrived at, cut off the supply of power.

Notwithstanding this definite advice, the Commission, in view of the negotiations that took place from time to time, felt that, while this course might be justified with a private corporation, any such drastic action with a Government was not justified. The Commission, relying upon the statement of the then Minister that the Department did not want the power at less than cost, believed that a reasonable adjustment of its power bill would in the end be arrived at and so continued the supply.

In support of understanding reached with the Minister in 1921 as above outlined, I quote paragraph from letter

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of November 15th, 1921, from the General Solicitor for the Commission, Mr. Lucas, to Major Bell, as follows:

> "My understanding of the arrangement was that your Department would forward us a memorandum of your contracts with the Hydro that you thought should be considered with the above referrred to contract (Port Colborne Elevator) and that we would later fix an appointment when the engineers could sit around the table in an effort to put all these various contracts on a reasonable basis."

and again on the 8th of April 1922, as follows:

> "while the Department did not want power at less than cost and that while the contract price was apparently below cost and should be revised, you stated that there were two or three other Hydro contracts, I think on the Welland Canal, where the Hydro appear to be charging too high a rate, and the suggestion was that the engineers representing the Commission and the Department should get together around the table and arrive at reasonable figures for Port Colborne and whatever other Hydro contracts you had in mind and fix a reasonable price for all."

and I also quote paragraph from your Departmental letter of June 6th, 1922 to the Secretary of the Commission, as follows:

> "At a recent interview had by Mr. Lucas, of your Staff, with the Honourable the Minister, it was intimated that a statement would be furnished dealing with all the matters in dispute between your Commission and the Department, in order that the clearing up of these outstanding questions might be facilitated."

Certain correspondence and conferences followed between the engineers of the Department and the Commission and adjustments or revisions were arrived at in respect to all the issues raised by your Department but no definite

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adjustment was made of this old outstanding power contract but the Commission has been submitting these accounts to the Department based upon a figure that we considered should be paid for the power supply.

It was under these circumstances that the Commission in order to secure some definite action was advised to cut off the power but, as I have already stated, considered that too drastic a step when dealing with a Government Department and continued to supply the power in the hope that ultimately some settlement would be made, in accordance with the original understanding, upon an equitable basis.

And so the matter has been allowed to drift with occasional conferences from year to year until the question was again energetically taken up by yourself and the conference of six or eight weeks ago took place in the Commission offices.

I call your attention especially to the terms of your letter of November 9th last to the effect that you had, as promised, recommended to the Minister that the dispute in question in connection with the Port Colborne Elevator accounts should be referred to arbitration and that the Minister had approved of your recommendation. It would hardly be suggested that a reference to an arbitration, no matter who might be the arbitrator, would be the same thing as a lawsuit on the straight question of contractual rights.

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129607

Mr. V. I. Smart, January 6th, 1932.

Upon the faith of the understanding reached at the conference, the Commission handed over a cheque for a large sum of money which it was holding as an offset to the indebtedness claimed to be owing to the Commission by the Dominion Government. Having now received the money, your last letter intimates that the Department proposes to swerve from the idea of an arbitration into the maelstrom of a lawsuit. You will therefore realize that the Commission received this intimation with surprise.

I may say that subsequent to the receipt of your letter of November 9th and previous to your letter of the 14th of December Mr. Lucas, representing the Commission, accompanied by Mr. Meighen, one of the Commissioners, waited on the Minister of Railways and in the course of conversation presented the view that the basis of the arbitration should be the actual cost of the power to the Commission. It is not represented that the Minister made any definite commitment but distinctly did take the view that the arbitration should be on the merits, equitable and otherwise, of both sides of the controversy. An arbitration in fact can not well take place upon any other basis.

The Commission very strongly takes the ground that your Department has now no right whatever to alter in spirit or in letter either the commitment of the Minister of the

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Mr. V. I. Smart, January 6th, 1932.

Department made in 1921 or the commitment made by yourself in your letter of November 9th, which is entirely in harmony with the undertaking so given in 1921, and this the more strongly because the Commission has actually taken a very important step because of your November letter.

Yours very truly,

SECRETARY.

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Toronto, January 5, 1932.

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Montreal, Quebec.

GLAD TO SEE YOU TOMORROW ANY TIME

ARTHUR MEIGHEN

Charge Hydro Electric Commission
190 University Ave.

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347 Bay Street,
Toronto, January 5, 1932.

Gordon D. Conant, Esq.,
Oshawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Conant:

I appreciate your wire. Called up Mr. Cooke at once and gave him the news. It looks as though Mr. Skidmore had not been quite right. Permit me to congratulate you on the stand you took and the evidenc influence you exerted in Cobourg.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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January 7th, 1932.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighan,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighan,

You may recall our conversation of some little time ago, when I intimated to you that we would appreciate receiving some of the orders for bonds placed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. At the time you were kind enough to say that you would be glad to use your influence to see that we receive a share of this business.

We understand that the Province of Ontario will be issuing bonds in the very near future and I am informed by Mr. Hughes, our representative who calls on Mr. Gilmour of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, that the Commission will be placing an order for a block of these securities when issued. As, of course, we would be in a position to offer bonds on the same basis as any other house, anything which you may be able to do in our interest in this connection will be very greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

NESBITT, THOMSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.

A. H. Smith

A.H.Smith/D. Director.

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January 8,1932.

Messrs. Nesbitt, Thomson & Co. Ltd.,
6 King Street East,
Toronto, Ontario.

Attention Mr. Smith

Dear Mr. Smith: Re Hydro

I have your letter of 7th. Have had this matter in mind and will see, if it is possible, that a share of any orders goes to you, that is if orders are going through investment houses at all.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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January 9th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Very many thanks for your letter of January 8th, re Hydro bond orders, a proportion of which I trust, through your kind offices, we shall have the pleasure of receiving.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

NESBITT, THOMSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Frederick A. Gaby, CHIEF ENGINEER

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
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190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

January 9th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities, Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I regret the delay in answering your communication addressed to Mr. Cooke under date of December 7th, 1931, in which you ask for certain information bearing on the value of the Dominion Power property at the time Senator Staunton wanted the Commission to buy it, and at the later time when it was purchased.

I am attaching hereto a statement which shows the estimates as prepared in 1919 by the Commission's staff after a thorough survey and inventory of the Company's properties, and an estimate of the replacement and present value of the property as of September 30th, 1927, which is based on different unit costs; therefore is considerably lower than the replacement value of 1919 on this account. This will be seen on reference to the amounts under the

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heading "Additions and Betterments to September 30th, 1927", which amount to $2,091,072. Further additions were added subsequent to September 30th, 1927, up to December 31st, 1929, amounting to $2,356,681, or a total of approximately $4,447,753 for improvements and extensions to property that should be charged to capital since the valuation in 1919, so that the replacement value of 1929 would more nearly represent the figure which I believe you have in mind.

I am also attaching a report from Mr. Jeffery to myself in connection with this matter dated January 6th, 1932, in which you will note a reference to the consolidated income account of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company from 1919 to 1928. On making a comparison of 1923 and 1928 with one of the statements I note that there is a considerable discrepancy, which is being investigated by the staff at this moment; however, in order to give you some information I am handing you the combined reports as taken from Poor's Manual of 1929, Public Utility Section, from 1923 to 1928. Upon receipt of the engineers' further investigation of these combined income accounts I will forward you a copy of the same.

Enclosed you will also find a copy of report of October 29th, 1930, headed "Dominion Power & Transmission Company Statement of Estimated Operating Conditions for 5-Year Period, Based on Commission's

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Program of Changing Plant to 25 Cycles". In view of the changed conditions insofar as the power market is concerned the Commission has not proceeded with the expenditures required in the changing of the DeCew Plant from 66-2/3 cycles to 25 cycles, deferring such capital expenditures until more normal conditions prevail and more definite assurance of further power increments is obtained. Further, this statement does not apply to the operations of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company as of to-day, but it gives some indication of the possibilities of the operation of this system, having in mind its value to the Commission when co-ordinated with its Niagara System.

I am also enclosing a suggested draft for your consideration as answer to Mr. Lynch-Staunton's letter of December 4th, 1931.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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205 Millwood Rd.,
Toronto, Jan. 7, 1932.
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Dear Mr Meighen:—

Would it be convenient for me to have a few minutes of your time to discuss the memorandum on a provincial industrial office which I left for your perusal a few weeks ago.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Bartley

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Rt. Hon Arthur Meighen P.C., K.C.,
National Bldg.,
Toronto.

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347 Bay Street,
January 11, 1932.

T. H. Bartley, Esq.,
205 Millwood Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 7th January. The subject matter of your memorandum has been under review, I find, many times by the Hydro Commission. They do not feel disposed to take action along the line indicated, feeling that any such action, no matter how managed, would give rise to friction as between different localities, and that it is better for the localities themselves to look after their own interests in the securing of industries.

Am sorry not to be able to send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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347 Bay Street,
January 11, 1932.

T. H. Bartley, Esq.,
205 Millwood Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 7th January.
The subject memorandum

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HUME F. MOSES
STOCKS AND BONDS
INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS
MITCHELL, ONTARIO

January, 9th. 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I am taking the liberty of writing to you again with reference to my application with the Employment Department of the Ontario Hydro Commission, as no doubt preparations will soon be started for this years construction programme.

My application for a position has been with the Employment Department for about three years and has been followed up by Mr. Berry of Caledonia and also Charlie Richardson of St. Marys. There is always a waiting list of considerable size with the Department.

I would appreciate it very much if you could have my

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INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS
MITCHELL, ONTARIO

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application kept on the active files of the Employment Department of the Hydro Electric Commission.

Thanking you for anything you may do for me.

Yours very sincerely

Hume F Moses.

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January 12, 1932.

Hume F. Moses, Esq.,
Mitchell, Ont.

Dear Mr. Moses:

I just received your letter of 9th. I will get a chance to speak to Mr. Gaby to-day or tomorrow and will ask him to give special attention to your application, and tell him the reasons. I know though that there is contracting of employment going on rather than expansion just at the present time.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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347 Bay Street,
January 11, 1932.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

You might kindly read, and discuss with Mr. Gaby, if you so desire, the attached letter from Mr. Croll, Mayor of Windsor. I will require a memorandum to enable me to reply. They seem to be driving this matter hard and centering on myself.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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190 UNIVERSITY AVE., TORONTO 2, ONTARIO

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Copy For MR. MEIGHEN

Re R J Arnill

January 13, 1932

Mr. R. J. Arnill,
General Merchant,
HOLSTEIN, O N T A R I O.

T.C.J

Dear Sir,-

With further reference to your correspondence with Mr. Meighen concerning conditions in Holstein, especially your communication of November 7th and Mr. Meighen's reply thereto of November 26th, and your further communication of December 16th, we beg to advise that Mr. Meighen has requested that additional and detailed information be forwarded to you, which I am pleased to submit herewith.

Holstein began operations under "Hydro" in 1916, with cost of power $43.50 per H.P. per annum, which rate was continued until 1919 when it was increased to $44.00; in 1920 it was made $75.00, and in 1921 $90.00, at which figure it has remained up to the present time.

When Hydro power was first considered for Holstein, arrangements were made to serve Mr.L.B.Nicholson's Grist Mill with 40 H.P. and it was largely the securing of this load which enabled the Commission to make provision for serving Holstein, and with a 40 H.P. load in the municipality, domestic lighting rates of 6¢ and 3¢ per kw-hr. and commercial lighting rates of 12¢-6¢-1.2¢ per kw-hr. were given. The lossof this Grist Mill load reduced the demand at Holstein to about 9 and 10 H.P., although an increased number of consumers taken on each year has brought the total demand to an average of about 16.6 H.P. at the present time.

As Mr. Meighen has already pointed out in his communication, the Commission must, according to law, (the Power Commission Act), sell power to the municipalities at "cost", and "cost" to Holstein with Nicholson's Mill taking 40 H.P. was naturally much less than "cost" with a lighting load only of 9 or 10 H.P., or even 16.6 H.P., hence, the necessity for increasing the rates to an extent necessary to meet expenses.

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190 UNIVERSITY AVE., TORONTO 2, ONTARIO

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Copy For

Mr.R.J.Arnill - HOLSTEIN

January 13, 1932

In answer to your statement that you consider 9¢ an outrageous rate, we would point out that although the Hydro-Electric Power Commission would be only too pleased to lower this rate, it has no authority to do so until revenue conditions warrant such, and the only means by which more revenue can be procured is, greater consumption and increased power demand in Holstein. If the rate in Holstein were lowered at the present time, the question arises as to who is going to make up the loss. You could not expect the users in Mount Forest, Durham, or Hanover to pay a part of your lighting bills, which would be the result if your present rates were reduced under present conditions in your Village, and you can readily understand that such procedure would be most unjust and unfair to other localities.

We would also point out that the people of Toronto paid 8¢ per kw-hr. under private ownership, and that practically all of the villages and towns in this province paid 10¢ per kilowatt-hour and up, for electric service before electrical energy was obtainable from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and, under the circumstances, and taking all things into consideration, you should realize that your rates are not excessive. You cannot have something without paying for it, and, on the other hand, you cannot expect someone else to pay a portion of your cost, as well as the entire cost of their own service, as every municipality must bear its own portion of the expense to serve, and thus fulfil the fundamental principle of all distribution of power under Hydro conditions throughout the province.

In your communication of December 16th to Mr.Meighen you question the correctness of his information concerning conditions in Holstein, and in this respect, we would point out that he was quite correct in his statement that the high cost of service is due to loss of load, and that power must be distributed at cost. Mr.Nicholson's Mill used power for seven months in 1918, and the minimum bill was paid for the following five months, although no power was taken during the latter period, and if this load had been retained by the local Hydro System, Holstein would probably be able at the present time to supply its consumers at rates as low as 5¢ and 2¢ per kw-hr. or at least 6¢ and 2¢ per kw-hr.

You mention the case of Priceville as an example of high cost, and in this respect, we would advise that the towns of Durham, Hanover, Mount Forest, as well as Priceville, Holstein, and all of the Georgian Bay System towns, pay the same cost per H.P. at the generating station, and the variation in rates in these various municipalities is due entirely to transmission, transformation, and local distribution costs, and load conditions.

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Copy For Mr. R. J. Arnill - HOLSTEIN January 13, 1932

Durham and Priceville pay practically the same cost on the transmission line at Priceville. The substation at Priceville, however, cost $4,484.00 and is handling an average load of 12 or 13 H.P. whereas, the substation cost at Durham is $13,922.00, and is carrying an average load of over 500 H.P., thus, with a station cost of only three times greater than Priceville, Durham is handling a power load over 40 times greater, which accounts for the difference in cost per H.P. between the two places. This condition also applies to Holstein, except that it is the long line between Durham and Holstein with very light loading, which runs up the cost in your case. Transmission lines and substations cost a certain amount, regardless of the load, or demand, and if the load is very small, as at Priceville and Holstein, the cost per horsepower is bound to be much greater, and you can readily see that there are conditions entering into the situation over which the Commission has no control.

We would also point out that Durham contributed toward the cost of power in the year 1929 the sum of $15,416.92, whereas, Priceville contributed the sum of $966.55 and Holstein the sum of $1449.29. From these figures it will be noted that the main cost of the generating plants and transmission lines are being carried by the larger municipalities, and if they were not in a position to take power, it would be impossible to supply municipalities like Priceville and Holstein, as there would be no generating plants or transmission lines available for this purpose.

Durham has a large load, Holstein and Priceville have a very small load in comparison, and the power demand, not the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, sets the price per horsepower in these and all other municipalities.

We feel that you are unjust in your criticism that your service is "rotten" as you have the very same service as Durham, Mount Forest, Hanover, and all other towns on the Georgian Bay System, and we have every assurance from these municipalities that their service has been most satisfactory, and equal to that of any other municipality on the Niagara System or any other section of the province.

You also state that you have been given to understand that the Hydro Engineers have made a "Big Blunder" by building a dam like the Newmarket Canal, with no water. In this respect, we would caution you to make sure of your ground before you make statements of this kind, as the Eugenia Development of which you speak, is considered a great engineering achievement, and has been delivering thousands of horsepower per annum to cities, towns and villages in the counties of Grey, Bruce and Dufferin for the past seventeen years, and has been visited and inspected by representatives of all municipalities

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Copy For

Mr. R. J. Athill - HOLSTEIN January 13, 1932

in your section of the province, all of whom have been very outspoken in their praise and appreciation of this development, and if you would take the opportunity of making an inspection of this development, we are quite convinced that you would not be guilty of making this criticism.

You mention the case of Blackstock paying 6¢ and 2¢ per kw-hr. and comparing same to the Holstein rate, but in this connection, we would inform you that Blackstock is served under the Rural Act, and consumers pay a large service charge varying from $1.35 to $2.10 per month net, in addition to the consumption charge, and you will find that when total bills are compared, that the Holstein consumers are not required to pay any greater amount in dollars and cents than the Blackstock consumers are paying.

You ask how the 9¢ rate is arrived at, and in reply we would say that it is as previously mentioned, a matter of "cost"; you are a merchant and you are, therefore, familiar with the fact that the goods you handle must be sold at an amount sufficient to meet your expenses, and give you a living profit. In Holstein, electrical energy must be sold at a price to meet expenses only, without any profit, and owing to the small quantity of power used, its cost is high. You could handle 100 H.P. at Holstein without additional cost of transmission, and with the cost of the transmission the same for such an amount as for the 16 H.P. (your present load) you can readily realize that the whole solution to your problem is "demand".

We have endeavored to answer your questions, and to give you the information which you have requested, as concisely and briefly as possible, and in doing so, we desire to stress the fact that the Commission and staff are always ready and willing to give the municipalities and the individual consumers every possible assistance to make Hydro service a success, and that we are just as anxious as you are to bring about a condition of low rates, our efforts are, however, at times severely handicapped by the consumers themselves adopting an attitude of destructive criticism, and by making statements which have no foundation of fact.

You should bear in mind that Hydro is yours, and that it is your service, and that you should do everything you possibly can to assist the Commission in building up a greater load in your district, as it is only by such means that you can ever hope to bring about a condition of lower rates in Holstein.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, or can give you any further advice, kindly let us know. In the meantime, we beg to remain,

Yours truly,

TCJ/AP

CHIEF ENGINEER

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THIS LETTER PROPERLY INITIALED AND O.K. TO FILE No. 129629

awaiting copy of letter from Mr. Arnell

Mr. R. L. Jeffery December 21, 1931.

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☐ FOR ATTENTION ☐ FOR ANSWER
☐ FOR COMMENTS ☐ FOR REPORT
☐ FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. F. A. Gaby
190 University Ave.
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Please have someone answer the enclosed letter direct. I attach copy of my last answer to this man.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

AM/E.

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COPY

Toronto, November 26, 1931.

Mr. R. J. Arnill,
Holstein, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 17th. Have made enquiries regarding the situation at Holstein and find it is one of the very few places where circumstances have been such as necessitated an increase in charges. It appears that since the Hydro started there has been a very substantial reduction in consumption due to the closing up of factories. Under the Act by which we operate we are compelled to sell to each Municipality at cost, and we are doing this in the case of Holstein. The Chief Engineer, however is hopeful that with the increase of rural consumption--an increase that is now noticeable--it will be possible before very long to again reduce the charges in your village.

I am returning herewith the receipt which you enclosed.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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December 29, 1931.

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Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

As requested by your Secretary I am sending you herewith letters received by Mr. Meighen from Mr. R. J. Arnhill of Holstein, Ont.

Yours very truly,

E. McEdmondson

Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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Mr Arthur Meighn,

Toronto Ont

Dear Sir..

Your favor to hand and contents noted. I am of the opinion xxxxx that you have been miss informed in regards to reduction of power used in Holstein One man put it in for about three months The hydro bill was so great he had to take it out. For instance take Priceville the wires run through the village they are charged ninety dollars per H P Durham eight miles west are charged forty eight per H P Same wires, power xxxxxxx generated at the same place, Why the differences? We are praticaly the same we own and mantain our own line from the village to the main line & we pay ninety dollars per H P,

In Blackstock they get their power from Port Perry xxxxx nine miles they pay six & two here we pay nine cents xtraight xxxxx Be sides this our service is rotten Quite often our power is cut off with out any notice I have been grading eggs when about half through off will go the power I have had different complaints washing churning ironing toasting eating our meals waiting on the sick at night off goes the power VERY PLEASANT Afew years ago the hydro officals were changed I had my december hydro bill paid in the bank and had my receipt for same and showed it to them but as it wasxxx not marked paid in their books they sent me notice that unless it was paid by certain time my lights would be cut off I went down to the Toronto hydro office and let them see my receipt for payment for december Mr James or MR Flannery said it was nogood I would have to pay it again and I paid it again is this justice.

I have been given to understand that the hydro engineers made a big Blunder built a dam and had very little water to put in it Some thing like the New Market canal.

I would be pleased if you could tell me how they arrive at this nine cent rate I have seen several try to explain it but they have failled to make it clear not even to themselves

I hope that I have not tired your patience and that I will hear from you in the near future

Yours Respectfully

R J Arnill

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November 26, 1931.

Mr. R. J. Arnill,
Holstein, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 17th. Have made enquiries regarding the situation at Holstein, and find it is one of the very few places where circumstances have been such as necessitated an increase in charges. It appears that since the Hydro started there has been a very substantial reduction in consumption due to the closing up of factories. Under the Act by which we operate we are compelled to sell to each Municipality at cost, and we are doing this in the case of Holstein. The Chief Engineer, however, is hopeful that with the increase of rural consumption,-an increase that is now noticeable--it will be possible before very long to again reduce the charges in your village.

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Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner.

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P.O. BOX 6

HOLSTEIN, Nov,17 th 31 193
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Hon Arthur Meighn

Castle Frank Cresent

Toronto

Dear Sir..

Enclosed please find hydro bill which explains its self. About fifteen years ago when the village installed hydro the charge was forty five dollars per horse power Now it is ninety dollars per H P . I know of different farmers who would install hydro if the rates were any way reasonable I consider nine cents an outrageous price and the farmers around here are afraid of hydro for fear they will be treated the same as the village was. I have x in my home, store and house combined twenty six lights arrangeing from 25 to 60 watts. And we are very careful with our lights dont use any more than necessary.

I was pleased to read in the papers some time ago that you were going to be on the hydro commisoners board. I thought then the small villages would get a square deal which th ey have not got up to present. Any thing you can do will be appreciated.

Yours REspectfully

R J Arnill

P S

I got your city addres from Dr S B Graham cross the street He is afriend of mine

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Kirkton Jan 9th 1932

Right Hon Arthur Meighen
Toronto Ont

Dear Sir, –

I received your reply to my letter, Re the Upperwash Beach Development-co Hydro Contract, stating you would take the matter up with the Commission and I would hear direct from them, I have had no reply as yet,

Yours Very truly

E N Shier

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Hydro

347 Bay Street,
January 13, 1932.

Mr. E. N. Shier,
Kirkton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In Mr. Meighen's absence I acknowledge your letter of January 9th, re Ipperwash Beach Development Co.

Upon 'phoning Mr. Gaby's Secretary, I find that he has prepared reply to your previous letter, and only awaits approval by Mr. Gaby who is at present out of the City. It will, therefore, be mailed in a day or two.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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416-418 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 13, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Canadian Genefal Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Meighen:

I wish to thank you for your letter about the Ontario Hydro situation. This is just what I wanted to get and I greatly appreciate it.

Mr. Westby has arrived. I have had several chats with him and he strikes me as being a very good man. He will probably find things slow in getting started.

Yours very truly,
S B Burke Q.

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January 16, 1932.

Mr. Geo. O. Meighen,
Nipigon, Ont.

Dear George:

I have your letter from Nipigon. I will lay your qualifications before the Construction Department of the Hydro and will keep the matter in mind. Sincerely hope you can stay on where you are as long as possible.

Yours very truly,

Letter sent to Mr. Gabry

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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January 19, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

At Mr. Meighen's request I am sending you herewith, for your consideration, letter from his cousin, Mr. George O. Meighen.

Yours very truly,

E.
Encl.

Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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Copy for Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen 129640

January 20th, 1932.

Mr. George O. Meighen,
Camp 101 I2,
Via Nipigon, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Your recent letter addressed to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen with respect to the possibility of obtaining a position on the staff of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission has been referred to me for attention, and I am requesting our Employees' Relations Department to look into this matter and let me have a report in regard thereto at as early a date as possible. Upon receipt of such report we shall be pleased to get in touch with you again. In the meantime I am enclosing herewith an application blank which you will please fill out and return to this office in order that we may have full particulars on file as to your qualifications and experience.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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64 FRONT STREET W.
TORONTO 2, CANADA

PHONE
GR 8135

BANK OF COMMERCE BLDG.
GUELPH, CANADA

January 21st, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Limited,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

For your information and in regard to your recent public statements pertaining to the investigation of Hydro, allow me to point out that there have been some very startling discoveries reflecting on Hydro administration in Welland and which discoveries place Hydro in a still worse light for the attitude of the Hydro Commissioners on the Oriental Textiles claim in Oshawa. Incidentally that company have advised me that you had been misinformed when you were led to believe that the management of that company was convinced that fairness had been done their company.

The claim recently made against Hydro for $28,370.54 by the Canada Foundries & Forgings, Limited, covering overcharges for power in their two Welland plants, is a serious reflection on Hydro for the reason that not only can be it most readily proven that in both plants they were charged by Hydro for double the actual power consumed but, after a change in meters corrected the rate of meter registration, Hydro failed to notify the consumer of the overcharge and retained the overcharges so collected. Also by a most striking example of irony while Hydro has resorted to very questionable tactics in a futile endeavor to "whitewash" a Hydro blunder in Oshawa, two identical blunders were discovered by me in Welland. Indeed, I have reason to believe that a wholesale investigation of Ontario's power consumers' charges over the last five or ten years will unearth numerous similar cases. The attitude of Hydro in attempting to thwart just rectification of existing claims will decide the question as to whether I should further vindicate my charges of Hydro blundering in power accounting charges by making an extensive survey to uncover further evidence.

If you so desire I shall be glad to furnish you with photostatic copies of power accounts showing exactly to the day when a change of meters by Hydro advanced the current

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consumption volume charged to double and then a subsequent meter change reduced the volume back to the original correct figure.

The question of power factor penalties also enters into the Welland claim. Analogously speaking a consumer buying power measured on KVA demand is buying power at possibly but 18 inches to the yard while the consumer whose meter is connected to measure in KW gets the full measure of 36 inches. It is on such grounds of discrimination in the double-standard of power measurement that claims are now being made against Hydro. In this respect the Oriental Textiles claim will now be increased to cover the heavy penalties paid in addition to the overcharge in their current consumption claim.

I might also point out to you that I am now preparing data which will show that another consumer, very close to Niagara Falls source of power supply, has for the last nine years been paying at a higher rate for Hydro than his competitors pay for steam-generated power in the United States. This large industry may be lost to Ontario as result of the far more favourable power rates offered in Quebec. This claim will be placed before your commission within the next ten days for your consideration.

I shall be glad to furnish you with any further information you desire on these matters.

Yours very truly,

E. A. Lowry

E. A. Lowry

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Office of the Chairman

190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2.

January 23rd, 1932.

ROYAL RECORD

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Mr. Cooke has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the 11th instant enclosing a letter from Mayor Croll of Windsor, and to say that he is having a further report prepared on the insurance situation.

Yours very truly,

Janet M. Howell

Chairman's Secretary.

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109 Williamson Road,
Toronto, January 28, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Campbellford Pulp and Barking Mill.

Dear Sir:--

Relative to the above matter, in connection with which I would refer you to your communications to me under date of Sept. 4 and October 15, 1931.

In this connection I beg to say that, after some months of correspondence and negotiations, I believe I have a prospective purchaser for the mills referred to, and that he is ready to proceed just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made with your Commission. At least, I have been requested to secure an option to purchase for a sufficient period to provide protection for the customer during an inspection and investigation period and after that for the arrangement of finances.

I may say, quite frankly, that in the work of securing a purchaser for these properties I am associated with other parties, some at home and others abroad, and, that being the case, I trust I will have the co-operation of yourself and officials in working out a line of procedure that will reasonably well meet the requirements of the situation and in the end result in a sale. I would point out, too, that I am personally committed to these other parties for services rendered, and, that being the case, it is necessary that I should make my preliminary arrangements so that these people will be assured of that protection which they expect me to provide.

In the first instance, I have been requested to secure certain information as to the pulp and barking mills such as financial statements, etc., and, assuming that the greater part of the desired information will be available, I am attaching hereto separate sheet under title "Memorandum Re Campbellford Pulp and Barking Mills." Would you be good enough to have such data compiled as best possible, under circumstances as they present themselves, and furnish me with one or more copies of the same.

Relative to the best manner of handling the proposition, I would refer you to draft option agreement which you enclosed, for suggestion, with your letter to me of October 15th. My original understanding was

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that the price set upon the pulp and barking mills was approximately $60,000; and that at that price the Commission would pay a selling commission of at least 5%; that would make a net price of $57,000 for the mills and plant therein, save "plant" kept on hand for repair and replacement purposes, inventoried at $12,500; tools, at $680, and peeled and unpeeled pulpwood in stock, inventoried at about $101,000, as per letter of Sept. 4, 1931.

It is understood that all these things, together with ground wood on hand at time of transfer, shall be taken over at additional price, in accordance with suggestions in your draft agreement; and, as the mills will be handled, in accordance with your suggestions, on an option basis, while plant, tool and pulpwood will be subject to additional sale, I am going to ask you to protect me to the extent of 5% commission on this additional sale and make your prices accordingly--the total of which would, as I figure, be possibly $125,000.

I have therefore gone carefully over your suggested option agreement, and have filled in blanks with lead pencil on a basis which to me would appear fair and equitable; and I would ask you to check over this agreement insofar as my "inserts" are concerned, and let me have it back when you are forwarding information desired as set out in my memorandum.

I might point out that, in the face of present conditions in the money markets, there is a certain degree of uncertainty in connection with a transaction of this kind. However, I am led to believe that, assuming there will be no great change, we ought to be able to get our customer on the ground for inspection some time in February, and I therefore of the bedief that all requirements can be met through a three-months' option, such option to be arranged just as soon as I have notification that our customer is ready to come.

I will hope to have your co-operation in this matter, and am also hopeful that we will be able to make a sale. That being the case, I would ask for your careful attention to enclosed requests, just as soon as time will permit.

Yours very truly,

(G. M. Thompson)

P.S.--I am also attaching a "List of Buildings and Plant" which I overlooked in the above, and would ask that you have this checked up and return with draft agreement and other information.--G.M.T.

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DONALD W. FLEMING
GENERAL INSURANCE
ROOM 5 IMPERIAL BANK BLDG.
WINDSOR, ONT.

January 25, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.,
% Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have a letter from the Secretary of your Commission, under date of January 22nd, asking me to arrange to place $47,290.00 on the fire schedule of the local Street Railway.

As this is a reduction of $50,710.00 from the previous amount I have had for several years, I am taking the liberty of asking you if you would ask the Secretary to allow me to continue to place the same amount as previously.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

D W Fleming

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January 28, 1932.

Mr. Donald W. Fleming,
5 Imperial Bank Bldg.,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I received your letter of 25th. On enquiry I find that the reason of the reduction has been because of the demand that this insurance be divided over a larger number of Companies. I believe the number has accordingly been increased from fourteen to about twenty-four, and a number of these Companies are not within your agency.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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January 28, 1932.

Mrs. Dr. Rogers,
Essex, Ontario.

My dear Mrs. Rogers:

I have your letter of 24th. The best I can promise in this is to have a talk with the Chief Engineer. Have no doubt at all from what you say that this young man would be a very desirable acquisition, but at present we are contracting rather than expanding, and besides, I don't think we have any system of taking on temporary men. However, I may be wrong as to either of these. I will make the fullest enquiry and will write you again.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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GEO. LYNCH-STAUNTON, K.C.

HAMILTON, CANADA

26th January, 1932.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
Toronto,
Ontario.

My dear Meighen:-

You may be interested in the enclosed. What is the ground which excused this manifestation of bureaucratic tyranny? The Hydro has a monopoly in the peninsula. The people have nowhere else to go for electric power. There seems to be no reason why the Hydro should ask a man to sign up a contract for any length of time, let alone twenty years, especially a unilateral contract where the Hydro enters into no obligation. For once I agree with the Globe that it would be a public disaster if the Government had a monopoly in transportation.

I am not writing to reproach you as this policy is as old as the Commission. On the contrary I am drawing your attention to it because I am confident that it is worth while, and if any one can curb the management it is you.

Sincerely yours,

Geo Lynch-Staunton

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January 28, 1932.

Hon. Senator Geo. Lynch-Staunton, K. C.,
Hamilton, Ontario.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of 26th and have read the enclosure carefully. As regards Barton Township, this area was formerly treated as what was known as a "voted area", but since the thickly populated part has become annexed to Hamilton, it was impossible on any economical basis to operate the remainder as a single unit. The remainder, therefore, was added to a rural power unit and is being operated on the rural power basis. The figures in the article are wholly wrong. There is no rural power service charge $30-40 to 60 per year. The maximum is $30 per year and in this area I would think the maximum would be about $25 per year. The twenty-year contract is not a mere tyrranical enactment emanating from the Commission; it is a contract found by experience to be necessary for the protection of rural consumers themselves. There is not very much likelihood of tyranny when no profit or advantage of any kind can accrue to those exercising the tyranny. For the protection of those ready to come in from a rural district, long-term contracts have been shown to be essential and to the general advantage. Otherwise men who come in in good faith would find themselves saddled not long afterwards with extra costs because of default on the part of those who came in with them.

I expect to have a special memorandum on the Barton Township situation before this letter is mailed, and if so, it will be enclosed.

Imay say, Senator, that I have been working on this Hydro business for over seven months. Many delegations have come down and necessarily many complaints of all kinds have been urged before the Commission. I sat there as one naturally immune from charges, because all the conduct impugned was prior to my time. Not on one single occasion have I seen any allegations made good, nor have I seen a single occasion where the delegation even thought it could make them good when it got through.

Very sincerely yours,

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The Rectory
Cataraqui
Ont.
26th January 1932.

Dear Mr Meighen

I am sorry to have to trouble you with what seems a small matter, but the inconvenience & loss involved, for ourselves and others, makes it necessary to secure a change, if possible, in the way in which repairs or improvements to Hydro are allowed to interfere with its use, in this place.

Our power has been cut off during most of the working hours of Saturday last, Monday, today Tuesday, and also will be on Wednesday. Even during the noon-hour when the men go home for their dinner the power is off.

Complaints have been made from time to time about this in the past, without any help, and I am writing to you, personally, to tell me what measures I can take to bring about a change for the better. I never knew of anything like it in connection with Hydro anywhere else.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
(Rev) A. L. McLear
Canon

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January 29,1922.

Rev. A. L. McTear,
The Rectory,
Cataraqui, Ont.

Dear Mr. McTear:

I have your letter of 26th. Will look into this matter carefully and advise you later.

Your very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner.

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January 29, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I am sending you herewith letter received to-day from Rev. A. L. McTear of Cataraqui, together with copy of my reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Engineering Department

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Frederick A. Gaby, CHIEF ENGINEER

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION

190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

February 17th, 1932.

Copy

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re: Original communication from Rev. A.L. McTear, Cataraqui, Ont., January 26th, 1932.

Referring to the communication addressed to you under date of January 26th, by the Rev. A.L. McTear, complaining of interruption to service in the Municipality of Cataraqui; I find that this was due to the rehabilitation and increasing of capacities on the distribution system from which Mr. McTear is served, full details in regard to this matter being set forth in the attached report received from our Municipal Engineering Department under date of February 5th.

I am informed that this work is now practically completed and that it will no doubt result in considerable benefit to the consumers within the municipality by reason of the improved service that will be obtained in the future. The

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complaints referred to by Mr. McTear in his letter were received approximately two years ago from a different source, since which time the cause of such interruptions has been removed and the municipality placed on direct connection with the Cataraqui system, rather than service being given through the Municipality of Kingston.

I trust this will enable you to satisfactorily answer Mr. McTear's letter above referred to.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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February 18, 1932.

Rev. A. L. McTear,
The Rectory,
Cataraqui, Ont.

Dear Mr. McTear:

Your letter of 26th January addressed to me was passed on to Mr. Gaby, the Chief Engineer, and I have just received from him to-day a memorandum on the subject. I am, therefore, sending you the memorandum, together with copy of Mr. Gaby's letter.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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J. B. Lucas, K.C. GENERAL SOLICITOR

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Legal Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
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190 University Avenue
Toronto, 2

January 30th, 1932.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
National Building,
Bay Street,
Toronto 2.

Personal

Dear Mr. Meighen:

The Commission, as you know, under special legislation, manages the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway and the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Railway.

Section 345, s.s.(d), of The Railway Act authorizes Railway Companies to issue passes to the officers, agents and employees of other Railways.

I not only do the legal work for both the above Railways but actually do the secretarial work for the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Railway and so am within the section of The Railway Act above referred to.

Both the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. issue passes to W. R. Robertson as manager of these Railways. It occurred to me that if as Hydro Commissioner you suggested to the proper officials of the C.P.R. that it would be convenient if I had a pass over their lines, that there would be no objection to the granting of the same. I am not particularly interested in the C.N.R.

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Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., January 30th, 1932.

but a C.P.R. pass would be very convenient not only in connection with the Windsor Railways, but as well personally during the summer on my trips to Markdale.

If you see any objection to the making of such a request, please just forget about it. I travelled so long on Railway passes that I miss them.

Yours very truly,

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GEO. LYNCH-STAUNTON, K.C.

HAMILTON, CANADA

29th January 1932.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
Toronto,
Ontario.

My dear Meighen:-

Thank you for your letter. I hope you will not infer that I have any "grouch". It is just my natural inclination to interfere in other people's business that provoked my letter. Government bureaucracies are proverbially tyrannical. The "insolence of office" was remarked by one whose eye nothing escaped hundreds of years ago. It is those who do not make profit rather than those who are in business for profit of whom complaint is made. If pleasing his customers was of any material advantage there will be no complaint of bureaucracy. Hydro is only a business, and the man in the street cannot see why when dealing with it he should be treated differently than when dealing with a private company. The public is bound to resent this. Personally I would go by candlelight before I would tie myself and my property up for twenty years. It will take some argument to convince the public that it is in its interets to submit to conditions that no private company imposes.

Very sincerely yours,
Geo Lynch Staunton

P.S. I sincerely trust the rumour that you are going to the Senate is true. We have had no leader since Lougheed. In his day the Senate was worth while. To-day it is as dull as ditchwater and nearly as unpalatable.
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February 2, 19.2.

Hon. Senator Geo. Lynch-Staunton, K. C.,
Hamilton, Ontario.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of 29th. With regard to the post-script, it is quite true. I am leaving tonight for Ottawa. Sincerely hope our relations may be of the best.

One thing I am certain of about the Hydro Commission--there is no "insolence of office" atmosphere in the place at all. That phrase was put into the mouth, as you know, of a man whose mind was bordering on derangement because of disappointed love.

It may be that the Power Companies do not ask for a twenty-year private contract, but the reason is that they do not create service for the farmers at all, unless those farmers happen to be right close to a town and they can make money out of it from the town unit. Hydro has a separate Rural Service Department and has to establish principles suited to that service.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Cobalt, Jan. 27, 1932.

Take to Hydro

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
Bay Street,
T O R O N T O.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to disposal of Cedar Poles at Flesherton, Ont.

My brother, W. A. Armstrong, has been disposing of Cedar Poles to the Ontario Hydro over a long period of years, with satisfaction to all concerned. A short while ago he came to his death and the estate is being wound up by his son, Mr. Wes. Armstrong. He has on hand about Five or Six Thousand Dollars' worth of suitable poles for Hydro purposes. It was thought that the Hydro would have taken more of these poles than they have before now.

The estate is in great need of finances at present, and for this reason alone I am asking you if it were at all possible, would you give us some consideration because of the necessity of the estate?

These Poles could be delivered at a moment's notice by truck to any point desirable by the Hydro.

Hoping that the Hydro will be able to assist us to this extent, I remain,

Yours truly,

E. A. Armstrong,
EAG.

(Dr.) E. A. Armstrong

Box 194
Cobalt. Ont

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347 Bay Street,
February 10, 1932.

Dr. E. A. Armstrong,
Cobalt, Ont.

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Immediately on receipt of yours of 27th I took up the matter with Mr. Gaby. I know he is attending to it, but just what he has been able to do I have not learned. If there should be no result within a few weeks, let me hear from you again.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Cobalt.
March. 1st 1932

Hon. Arthur Meighen
Dear Sir
I was glad to get your letter of Feb. 10th regarding poles at Elsterton. Mr. Sabey has informed my nephew at Elsterton that he is in line for some orders when required; up to last week he had not received any orders, but I expect there will be a demand soon. I will be glad to keep you posted and appreciate very much the interest you have taken in this matter.

We are delighted up here to see you in the Senate.

Yours Truly
(Sgd.) C. H. Armstrong

Box 197
Cobalt.

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February 10, 1932.

Mr F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

A very young man called Max Coutts is taking a course in Electrical Engineering at the School of Science here. He took a scholarship last year and is working his own way through. Last summer he had a position in Windsor and earned quite a little. He could get the same work this year but is compelled under the regulations of his course to spend the summer at work of a practical character helpful for his studies. My information, which I know is dependable, is that he is a remarkably industrious and promising young fellow.

I am not very hopeful that you could use this man in the Hydro, but I feel it my duty to place his case before you just in case it should be possible. His City address is 236 Bloor St. West (RA. 0260). Any work he could take would necessarily only be temporary and begin after the spring examinations.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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February 11th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am in receipt of your communication of February 10th, in which you refer to us the application of Max Coutts for employment under the Apprenticeship Course of the Commission during the coming summer. We shall keep Mr. Coutts' name in mind when this matter is being dealt with in the near future, and will arrange to communicate directly with him in order to obtain full information as to his past experience.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Feb. 10th, 1932.
ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF
A. V. T.

Miss E. M. Edmondson,
Secretary Mr. Meighen.

Re. Mr. Geo. O. Meighen.

Dear Madam;-

We have carefully circularized each department of the Commission, but find, as we really expected, that there are no new appointments to the staff being made in any department.

Work is so slack that a great many men have been laid off. We have, however, instructed Mr. Wills Maclachlan to keep this application on file, and to give it first consideration when any vacancy occurs.

Yours truly,

Chief Engineer.

AVT/DM.

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Recently we were discussing the question of humidifiers and you were desirous of obtaining information on the installation of such in your home of a type which ejects steam directly into the room. I am enclosing herewith a pamphlet of the Jarvis humidifier referred to at that time. My information is that they are asking $50.00 for the equipment shown in red, with extra for installation of the piping to bring the water to and carry the steam away from the humidifier to a proper location in your front hall.

Should you be interested further in humidifiers I should be only too glad to obtain additional information on installations which are directly placed on the hot water, or steam system, by the replacing of one of the radiators with one to which is attached, or incorporated as an integral part, the humidifying device, which type has been found to be very satisfactory.

Upon hearing from you again I shall be very pleased to look into the matter further.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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(Patented August, 1929)

Supplying the correct amount of moisture automatically

This is an Investment
Not an Expense

Saving 15% to 20% of cost of fuel oil or coal

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The New Jarvis Humidifier Provides Proper Humidity in the Home, and is a Fuel Saving System

LACK OF HUMIDITY IN THE HOME

When houses are heated, they are almost devoid of Humidity. Dry air allows too much radiation from the body and too rapid evaporation, which makes us feel cold even though the thermometer registers a proper temperature.

Extreme dryness of the atmosphere is very harmful to the mucous membrane in the lungs, nose and throat, which contributes to the disease of these organs. Therefore proper humidity will often cure and prevent disease.

■

HUMIDIFIED AIR

is an insurance against the ill-effects of DRY AIR. With dry air valuable Pianos, Radios, Expensive Furniture, Oil Paintings, Floors and costly Woodwork suffer and are often ruined through absence of necessary humidity in the home. Plant life also suffers, hair loses curl, complexions fade considerably in the absence of the proper degree of humidity in the home.

■

THE NEW JARVIS HUMIDIFIER SYSTEM

overcomes all troubles due to DRY AIR by providing and maintaining constantly and unfailingly, day and night, the proper, even degree of humidity throughout the house. Once installed it is a great saving in the cost of heating the house.

■

DISTRIBUTION IS EVEN

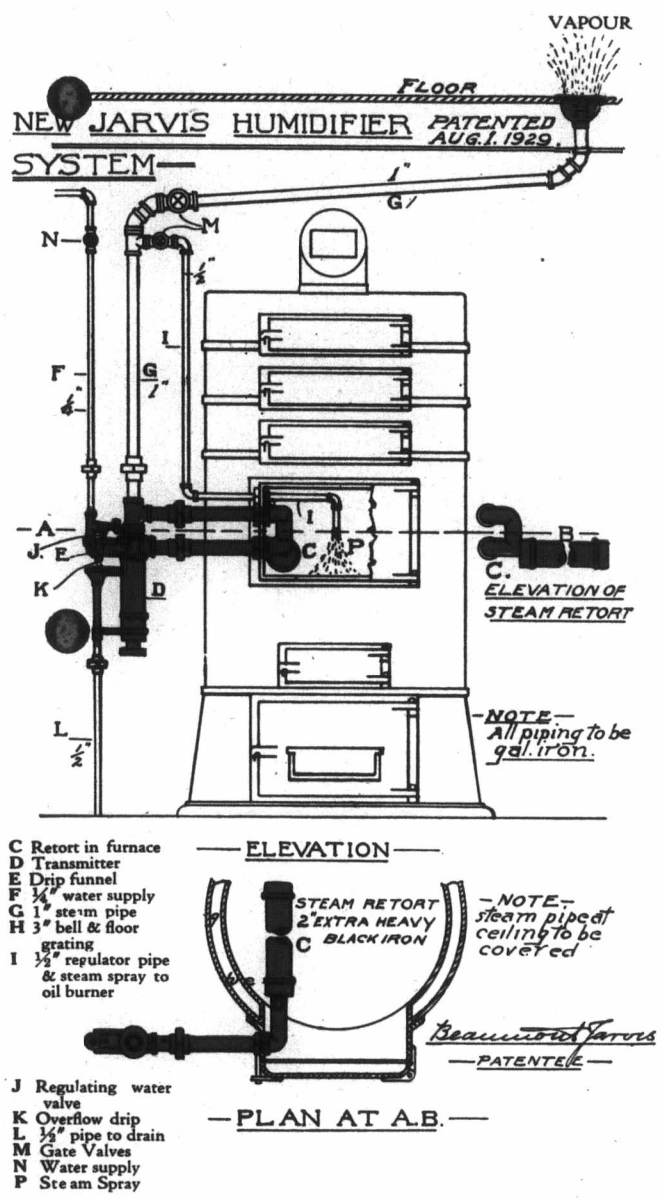
Humidity to all the rooms by convection air currents is practically even throughout. Only ONE floor grating is necessary for most houses —located either in the hall or living room. For large houses two or more branches may be taken.

■

THE NEW JARVIS HUMIDIFIER SYSTEM

is absolutely under control and is patented with 16 claims allowed in the Patent Office, and consists of an extra heavy two-inch black iron pipe with cap on one end and special Y iron casting at the door frame. This is the steam retort at C which connects with two one inch pipes to transmitter D which is of brass. A one inch steam pipe G leads to a three inch brass floor register through which the vapour rises. The amount of steam required is controlled by gate valves M on the steam pipe and the half-inch exhaust pipe, steam pipes to be covered. Water is supplied through one-quarter inch pipe and valve N to small valve at J, which flows into transmitter and thence to the steam retort. The overflow is a constant level so the steam retort is always half water and half steam. I is the exhaust pipe supplying surplus steam to the combustion chamber at P.

Absolutely Fool-proof



INSTALLATION

Two 1½ inch holes are drilled 3½ inches on centres through the flange of the frame of the fire door through which two one inch pipes are taken to the 2 inch retort in the fire pot. Length of retort should be properly proportioned to the length of steam pipe. The Jarvis Humidifier includes everything that is colored red on the diagram herewith. Where there is no flange, holes are drilled through the fire door. The steam pipe along the ceiling must be well covered.

■

DIRECTIONS

When the Humidifier is first installed, and at the beginning of every season, turn the supply valve on full, and let the water run hard for two minutes to clean out all sediment, then close down to the required flow. The furnace should be run at full blast when setting this valve. See that there is always a little overflow when the heat is on. The larger water supply valve should be full on all the winter time. Close off in the summer.

■

FUEL ECONOMY

There are no moving parts on the Jarvis Humidifier, no expensive electricity or gas as a heating medium. The hot vapor is produced from the retort in the fire pot of the furnace and delivered into the house, which would otherwise be lost up the chimney. In fact this vapor retort would be as good as another section in the boiler, or as good as two extra radiators, from heat captured that would otherwise be lost. Humidified air produces a sense of warmth at a reduced temperature.

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This is the only Humidifier on the market of its kind that is under absolute control. A gate valve on the steam pipe and a gate valve on the exhaust pipe will regulate the amount of vapour required to a nicety, with even distribution. In case of illness the whole house may be fumigated by pouring any suitable medicine, such as creosote, mentholatum, or any disinfectant, down the register; the vapour will then be carried to every nook and corner of the house.

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MONEY SAVED

Therefore, by this independent attachment to the heating system, there are six additional sources of heat supplied or captured, which would otherwise be lost up the chimney—is money saved and may be called found money.

The following is a summary of six items showing the saving in cost:

1st—Increasing the combustion of free carbon.

2nd—The additional heat units from the burning gases formed by the steam.

3rd—Additional heat from the steam entering the building.

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6th—Promotes the growth of plants and flowers.

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ENDORSEMENTS FROM ARCHITECTS AND OTHERS

H. G. MILES
General Manager of Sepco Automatic Electric Heaters, Limited.

Your humidifier has been in operation in my residence for the past two years, and I find it all and more than you claimed for it.

The steam jet over the combustion chamber has resulted in the complete elimination of carbon formation. The ignition points of the oil burner do not require to be cleaned as formerly.

I estimate a saving of 20 per cent. in oil per year through the efficiency of your unit. Plant life is wonderful, and not one member of my household have had a cold during the past two winters.

As an investment, I know of nothing better, and heartily wish you every success.

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Architect, Toronto.

I wish to express my appreciation and entire satisfaction in your "Jarvis Humidifier" which was installed in my house last September. It has proven itself to be worthy of all the good points you mentioned to me last Fall.

The house is not only more comfortable to live in but also I believe that your patent is responsible for the fact that I have not had a cold this winter.

The thermostat governing my Oil Burner Furnace has been changed from 70 degrees to 68 degrees, which seems plenty warm enough since the air has been humidified.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for suggesting the Humidifier to me, and have no hesitation in recommending it to others.

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President of the J. Frank Raw Co., Ltd., Toronto

My experience with the Jarvis Fuel Economizer and Humidifier during the past three winters has been entirely satisfactory.

The most valuable features in connection with your device, in my opinion, are the following:

(1) Produces ample humidity—40% to 50%.
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During the very cold weather I was able to keep the house quite comfortable by circulating humidity, as well as heat—something I had never been able to do before.

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In the Fall of 1929 I installed a Jarvis Humidifier in my residence in Toronto, and I would like you to know what satisfaction it has given me.

Throughout two full heating seasons we have found the air of the house comfortable with a temperature several degrees lower than we had used in previous years. We have been almost entirely free from colds and I feel sure that the humidifier is largely responsible for this condition.

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February 24th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:- Re: Tenders, Costs, etc.
Gatineau Transmission
Line #1.

In addition to the information I forwarded to you in January with regard to the estimated cost of our Gatineau line, I am enclosing herewith a report from our Construction Engineer under date of January 19th, 1932, giving further information on the comparison of tenders and the actual cost to the Commission of the work under consideration.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO.

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

FEB 24 1932

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO.

DATE January 19th, 1932.

MEMORANDUM TO - MR. GABY;

SUBJECT - Data re Tenders, Costs, etc.
Gatineau Transmission Line #1.

Mr. Neil

There were five firm tenders for this work as follows:-

Hoosier Engineering Company	-	$442,400.00
Johnston Bros.	-	462,000.00
Lang & Ross	-	467,000.00
W. H. Bagshaw Company	-	575,222.00
H. E. P. C. Construction Dept.	-	292,900.00

On May 13th, 1929, the firm of Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth, Guilfoyle & Nash reported to the Commission that, while estimated lump sum figures had been quoted to the Commission, the tenders were really based on unit prices for certain specified quantities as shown in "Information for Bidders" and the general specifications issued by the Commission.

These quantities were 965 tower footings constructed and 10,803,485 lbs. of tower steel erected. The work actually done was 975 tower footings constructed and 11,645,476 lbs. of tower steel erected.

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MR. GABY:

Jan. 19th, 1932.

Without attempting to show what the lump sum bids by outside contractors would have been with these new quantities at their tendered unit prices but considering the Construction Department's costs only, the Clarkson Company state that the aggregate amount of the Construction Department's contract was $314,571.00.

This Company also reports in the same letter that this work was completed by the Construction Department at a total cost, including all overhead, of $298,088.11, or at a sum of $16,482.89 less than the contract price at which they were given the work.

Please note that this actual cost, even with the increased quantities, is still $144,000.00 less than the lowest tender.

Also please note that this total cost included all extras which the contractor would have claimed for non-delivery of steel, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

A V Trimble

AVT/H.

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER.

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IN YOUR REPLY
REFER TO FYLE:

MONTREAL

February 22nd 1932

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Investments Limited,
Toronto,Ont.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

On your return to Ottawa I would like very much to go up and have a talk with you on two or three matters.

In the meantime I would be glad if you could help us in having the Hydro-Electric Commission release the $500,000 4-3/4% bonds which they are holding in connection with the Dominion Power & Transmission Company in exchange for the cash, as we would like to liquidate these bonds and deposit with them the money in lieu of the bonds until the matter can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Mr.Phin, President of the Company, has discussed the matter with Mr.Guilfoyle who was to take up the question. It is necessary that we get these bonds as we would like to liquidate them in this market; consequently would appreciate anything you may be able to do for us.

Yours very truly,

A. J. Neown

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February 25, 1932.

Mr. A. J. Nesbitt,
Nesbitt, Thomson & Co. Ltd.,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

Referring to your letter of 22nd, I made enquiries at Hydro and find that the $500,000 bond matter has been attended to and completed.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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February 26th 1932

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto,Ont.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

I wish to thank you for yours of 25th instant and your advice regarding the $500,000 Hydro Bonds.

With kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

A J McNab

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DONALD W. FLEMING
GENERAL INSURANCE
ROOM 5 IMPERIAL BANK BLDG.
WINDSOR, ONT.

Hydro

February 11, 1932.

Senator, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.
% The Senate,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am sorry to be continually writing you regarding my private affairs, particularly with the responsibilities you have assumed lately, but the Hydro Commission have returned to me the new fire policy which I forwarded them in renewal as requested by them; the reason for this being that a situation developed in my office last month with a result that an audit was made which temporarily put me in financial difficulties which have been cleared up considerably.

The Commission have evidently heard of this condition in my office and while I advised them that the matter had been straightened out, and that there had been no interuption in my business, they advised me under date of February 9th, returning my policy, that the Commission could not accept my policy.

The premium is $231.72 which means a very nice commission for me which I do not like to lose.

I was wondering if you would have time to ask them to accept this policy for me.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

DWF/EL.

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347 Bay Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of letter going forward to Mr. D.W. Fleming to-day, in reply to his communication addressed to you under date of February 11th, 1932.

Yours truly,

F. A. Gaby

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Copy for Mr. Meighen

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February 26th, 1932.

Mr. D.W. Fleming,
5 Imperial Bank Building,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fleming:-

Your communication addressed to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen under date of February 11th, 1932, regarding insurance on the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway, has been handed to me for reply.

On investigation by the Insurance Department I regret to find that all insurance necessary in connection with the above mentioned Railway had been definitely placed prior to the receipt of your letter.

We are pleased to note that you are clearing up your financial difficulties and that there will be no further interruption in your business. Should there be any further additions to the insurance already placed on the Railway properties we shall be only too pleased to get in touch with you in connection therewith and I can assure you that you will be considered at such time as renewal of the present insurance is made.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

Ottawa, 2nd March, 1932.

Memorandum to Miss Edmondson.

Please file with Hydro records.

A.H.Hinds.
Private Secretary

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
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Dear Mr. Meighen:- Re: Fruitland

Referring to our recent telephone conversation in regard to the various complaints that have been registered by certain individuals in the Fruitland area of our Saltfleet Rural Power District; a meeting was held last night, at which this matter was thoroughly discussed. Apparently this meeting was called by Mr. Clark, a resident of the Township, and a teacher in one of the collegiate institutes in Hamilton, for the purpose, specifically, of discussing, first, the twenty-year contract which may be presented in the near future to former consumers of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company located in the Township of Saltfleet and, secondly, the payment for lines for which customers of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company claim to have contributed money in order that service might be made available to them.

The representatives of the Commission fully explained that the twenty-year contract is standard throughout the Province, and that they were in no different position from the other thousand consumers already taking power in this particular district. It was also pointed out that their position in no way differed from that of the consumers in the Municipality of Hamilton, or any other municipality, excepting that the contract was made direct with the consumer rather than as an indirect liability through the bonds issued by the municipality, which were a charge upon their property for like purpose.

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February 2nd, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

This matter has not yet been brought to the attention of the Council of Saltfleet and, as a matter of fact, a member of the Council explained the situation and had no objection to the twenty-year contract or the operation under the same.

The majority of those present were not in accord with the arguments of Mr. Clark, and there is no doubt with a little explanation of this situation, and the payment to those who can maintain their claims for reimbursement in view of their having already paid for their transmission lines, this whole situation can be cleared up.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of memorandum forwarded to Mr. Cooke under date of January 6th, 1932, in reference to the complaint of consumers of Barton Township re increased rates.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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January 6th, 1932.

MEMORANDUM TO THE HON. J.R. COOKE, CHAIRMAN.

Re: Complaint by Consumers of Barton Twp. re Increased Rates.

Dear Mr. Cooke:-

In connection with letter of January 4th from the Prime Minister, with which he encloses letter of December 31st from Mr. J.C. Cook of Hamilton regarding electric service to consumers formerly supplied by the Barton Township Hydro-Electric System, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a memorandum with regard to this matter to be presented to the Commission at its next meeting.

You will note that these consumers were transferred from the original Barton Township Hydro-Electric System to the Saltfleet Rural Power District at the special request of the Barton Township authorities, and as they are located outside of the city limits, it would not be possible to supply service at rates other than those approved for the Saltfleet Rural Power District. This is the same policy which is followed for all suburban consumers located outside of various towns and cities throughout the Province. In a letter of December 30th from the Clerk of the Township of Barton in connection with this matter, copy of which is attached hereto, we are given to understand that this small area of Barton Township will likely be annexed to the City of Hamilton in the near future.

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The customers getting two-wire services have had their rates increased to the equivalent of approximately 65¢ per month; the three-wire services have been increased approximately $1.17 per month.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

JJJ/CW

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MEMORANDUM TO COMMISSION

January 6th, 1932.

TO CHIEF ENGINEER:

SUBJECT: Saltfleet Rural Power District

Complaint by Consumers of Barton Township re Increased Rates

Niagara System

For a period of approximately ten years that part of Barton Township immediately adjacent to the City of Hamilton has been operated as a separate system.

In the year 1929 that part of Barton Township in which the Barton Township Hydro-Electric System was operating was annexed to the City of Hamilton, with the exception of a small part located below the Hamilton Mountain which served approximately fifty customers. Under date of January 27th, 1931, a letter was received from the Barton Township Hydro-Electric System requesting that this Commission take over the lines remaining in Barton Township and incorporate them in the Saltfleet Rural Power District. This matter was submitted to the Commission and approved at its meeting on June 4th, 1931, and all the necessary documents were executed to enable the remaining lines of the Barton Township Hydro-Electric System to be transferred to the Saltfleet Rural Power District which is operated by this Commission.

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The Commission in charge of the Barton Township Hydro-Electric System were fully advised at that time as to the change in rates which would of necessity apply as soon as these customers were included in the Saltfleet Rural Power District.

A petition, dated December 11th, 1931, from forty-eight residents in this district has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Commission requesting that special consideration be given to their situation, and that some relief be given in connection with the increased rates.

The rates in the Saltfleet Rural Power District under which these consumers are now billed are not any greater than they would have been had this small system continued to operate as a separate unit, and as these customers are located in a suburban area not in the City of Hamilton, they are treated in no way differently from hundreds of other consumers who are located outside the boundaries of the various cities throughout the Province.

The transfer of these consumers to the Saltfleet Rural Power District was carried out at the special request of the Township authorities, and I would recommend that the Secretary of the Commission be instructed to forward a letter to the Township Clerk advising that it will be nedessary to continue to bill all customers located outside the limits of the City of Hamilton under the approved rates of the Saltfleet Rural Power District so long as the area in which they are located has not been annexed to the City of Hamilton.

I would ask your instructions in regard to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd) R.T.J.
Chief Municipal Engineer.

JJJ/S

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Miss Edmondson, 129686

For filing, re Hydro.

A.H.H.

OTTAWA,
17 May, 32.

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ONTARIO

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Toronto,
March 10,
1 9 3 2.

Dear Arthur:

This will serve to introduce to you Mr. R. R. Glenn of Stratford, Ontario, who is a native of Hibbert Township, South Perth, and is a family connection of the Glenns and Grahams of Blanshard.

Mr. Glenn is a superior type of man, capable and has ability and has developed a diplomatic nature which would be an asset in any public position.

Mr. Glenn is desirous of obtaining a position on the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario and has asked me to write you in connection with this. I might state that he has had some experience with the Hydro Electric Commission at Stratford, for a time being chairman.

Anything you can do for Mr. Glenn will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. E. Johnson

M.L.A. for
Perth, South.

CER..MD

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
Senate Chambers,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

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J. M. RIDDELL
JOHN MURRAY

BRANCH OFFICES
MITCHELL, ONT.
TAVISTOCK, ONT.

WINDSOR BLOCK
STRATFORD, ONT.

February 5th, 1932.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K. C., P. C.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

This letter will be handed you by Mr. R. R. Glenn, a citizen of Stratford of many years' standing.

Mr. Glenn is a man who is widely read, possesses a remarkable memory and analytical mind.

He is an excellent mathematician. He served for some time as an elected member of the Public Utilities Commission for the City of Stratford and during his term of office, brought the Hydro Shop to a high standard of efficiency.

In an age of undisciplined minds, Mr. Glenn's application of the rules of logic and analytical thought make him stand out among his fellows.

Yours faithfully,

John Murray

President, Stratford Conservative Association.

JM
JF

J. H. Farrell
Vice President

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347 Bay Street,
February 26, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave ,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I am sending you a letter from Mr. Howard S. Price. From other information received this, I believe, is a very superior man. I would like to speak to you about him when next at your office.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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Charles A. Magrath, CHAIRMAN
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Frederick A. Gaby, CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
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190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

March 23rd, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of March 18th, with which you enclosed a letter received from Mr. Melville White, of the Canadian General Electric Company, under date of March 14th, with regard to the economies to be effected from the operation by the Commission of certain cell plants for the production of hydrogen at strategic points throughout Ontario, together with the accompanying report of Mr. A.T. Stuart in connection with the cost of operation of such plants.

The Commission has on a number of occasions tested the cost of the operating of the Stuart Cell and has obtained from the Consolidated Smelting Corporation of British Columbia certain information with regard to its operation in a commercial way, and our engineers are keeping in close touch with this matter. The difficulty is the lack of a commercial field in which this product can be used successfully in sufficient quantities to warrant the installation of a large plant. The Commission, however, will continue to keep in close touch with the performance of these cells in actual practice and will endeavour to encourage the utilization of the same in industry wherever it is possible to utilize the product of such cells commercially.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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March 23rd, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President and General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Bldg.,
347 Bay St.,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

For your information, I respectfully give below specific details in reference to requests received for the use of automobiles before and after business hours.

The operation of the Head Office Garage is continuous from 8.20 A.M. to 5.20 P.M.

Our Bell Telphone exchange, Wa. 6789, is operated continuously from 9 A.M. to 5.20 P.M. Telephone requests are conveyed by our operator to the garage over our own line during these hours.

Note

Between 8.20 A.M. and 9 A.M. please call Wa. 3376, when a message will be delivered personally to the man in the garage.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Gaby

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
C. Alfred Maguire, COMMISSIONER
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C. COMMISSIONER
W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Office of the Secretary

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
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190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2

March 24th, 1932

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen P.C.,K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed to advise you that a meeting of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission is to be held on Tuesday next, the 29th instant, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY

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By-Product
COKE

CRUDE COAL TAR
TOLUOL

A. T. LEAVITT
PRESIDENT

HAMILTON
CANADA

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1932.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

It appears that the matter discussed with you some months ago may be brought to life again, perhaps along a little different lines than originally considered. I believe that a strong group can be gotten together and am planning on including you in such a group.

I hope within the next week or ten days to have the plan sufficiently developed to discuss with you in detail and trust you will see your way clear to go along with us in this attempt.

Yours truly,

A. T. Leavitt

ATL/VDE

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Toronto file

Hydro
129694

Ottawa, March 30th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Leavitt,-

I have your letter of the 23rd instant regarding a matter we discussed some time ago.

I would be quite prepared to see you, on the subject, at any time it is convenient to you. I am home for the week-ends - including Saturday and Mondays always, and usually Fridays.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Meighen.

A.T. Leavitt, Esq.,
President, Hamilton By-Product
Coke Ovens, Limited,
Hamilton, Ont.

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A. T. LEAVITT
PRESIDENT

HAMILTON
CANADA

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1932.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am writing to enlist your aid in connection with an effort we are now making to replace coal with gas for steel making purposes in the Dominion Power plant recently purchased by the Hydro at Hamilton. We have been crowded to capacity during the past winter to supply the demand for coke and have played a great part in stabilizing the price of fuel to the consumer, in spite of the duty of $1.00 per ton and the further burden due to the exchange situation.

In the manufacture of this coke we have produced and are now producing more gas than there is a market for and we have proposed to the Hydro that we pipe gas to the generating station, selling it at a price just equalling the cost of coal, which we estimate at 10½¢ per thousand feet. We further propose to bear the entire cost of the installation and to guarantee the supply for at least a year, and should business conditions have improved at that time to remove the pipe and equipment at our own expense, and if conditions have not improved to continue for a further period. We believe this move should receive the support of the Hydro operators as it ensures employment to workmen as well as the transportation of a much greater amount of coal than where coal is consumed direct under the boilers.

I would appreciate your suggestions and your assistance if possible, and would be glad to discuss the matter with you at greater length at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A. T. Leavitt

ATL/VDE

Vice President & General Manager.

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Ottawa, March 30th, 1922.

Dear Mr. Leavitt,-

I duly received your letter of the 23rd instant on the subject of gas and the sale of gas as a by-product to Hydro at Hamilton.

I have had the opportunity of taking the matter up with Mr. Gaby and assure you he is very much interested in the proposal. The price suggested did not seem at all unreasonable. I feel sure if you would lay your proposition before him he would have the engineers of the Commission look thoroughly into it. It will be necessary, of course, to take into account the investments required to be made by the Hydro, in order to make the change, and several other factors.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

A.T. Leavitt, Esq.,
Pres. Hamilton By-Product Coke Ovens, Ltd.,
Hamilton, Ont.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
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190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2

April 1st, 1932

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Canadian General Securities,
National Building,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed to advise you that a meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday morning next, the 5th instant, at 10.30 o'clock.

Yours truly,

W. W. Pope

SECRETARY

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129698

Burk's Falls, Ont., Apr 4/32.

Senator Arthur Meighn,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am approaching you on behalf of my son ,who is trying very hard to locate an electrical job. His name is Frank M. Mitchell and he graduated last June with the Degree of Bachelor of Science of Electrical Engineering. He has had no employment since graduating only that of time-keeper in a road-camp this winter.

Frank has had condiderable experience in power-plants. His last job before going to college was that of a foreman in the transformer -station at Arvida, P.Q.

He is twenty-seven years of age and single. He can furnish references as to reliability and character.

You may think it strange my writing to you but you see besides being a Conservative and an admirer of your political career I also know of you personally. Mrs. Robert Huston late of Peachland, B. C. is my sister.

If you can use your influence to find an opening for my son I am confident that he will prove himself worthy of your interest.

Very respectfully yours,

Margaret Mitchell.

Mrs. Duncan Mitchell,
Burk's Falls, Ont.

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April 6, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Mr. Frank M. Mitchell, Burk's Falls, Ont., 27 years of age and single is a graduate in Electrical Engineering of Toronto University, having the degree of B.Sc. He has had very considerable experience in power plants and as foreman in transformer stations. Like many others he is out of work and has written asking that his name be put before the Hydro Electric Power Commission. This I am doing on his behalf for such attention as you are able to give it.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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April 6, 1932.

Mrs. Duncan Mitchell,
Burk's Falls, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

I have your letter of 4th. Will be very glad indeed to take up the case of your son, Frank M. Mitchell, with the Hydro Electric Power Commission, although I fear at the present time it would not be possible to find a position for him. The recent graduates in Electrical Engineering have had a very discouraging time and we all hope things will improve and that when they do these men will be wanted.

I know Mrs. Robert Huston quite well, her late husband being a cousin of my mother. Have not heard from Mrs. Huston for some time.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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Copy for Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen

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April 14th, 1932.

Mr. Frank M. Mitchell,
Burk's Falls,
Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

The Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen has brought to our attention your name as an applicant for a position on the staff of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. We should be pleased to have you fill in the enclosed application blank, giving full particulars as to your experience, qualifications, etc., although I regret to state that at the present time the Commission is reducing rather than increasing its staff, in view of the lack of new construction work. We shall, however, be glad to have your name before us for reference purposes should any opening occur in the immediate future suitable for a man of your capabilities.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Hydro
129702

April 7, 1932.

Mr. R. M. Norton,
Sarnia Bridge Co. Ltd.,
Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Mr. Norton:

I have your letter of 6th. Have already taken this matter up with Mr. Gaby. He is of the opinion that the information you have must have reference to the Toronto Hydro Building, also about to be erected. However, I am asking Mr. Gaby to write you direct, which he probably will do tomorrow.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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129703

April 7, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Pursuant to conversation over the 'phone to-day, I am sending you herewith letter from R. M. Norton, Sarnia Bridge Co. Ltd., regarding steel joists floor construction in the proposed Hydro building.

Yours very truly,

P.S.--I won't be back to dictate a further letter to Mr. Norton, for a few days, so would appreciate it if you would reply direct.

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Mr.Meighen.

129704

April 13th, 1932.

Mr. R. M. Norton,
Sarnia Bridge Co. Ltd.,
Sarnia, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Norton:-

Re: Proposed Administration Building

Replying further to your communication of the 6th instant, addressed to The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen; we wish to advise you that the drawings for our building are being prepared on the basis of the floor slab design to which you refer, and it is our intention to call for tenders on this basis. However, it is also our intention to give contractors the opportunity to submit alternatives on different types of construction, the final decision to be made when the tenders are considered.

From estimates which we have obtained, we have no assurance that steel joist floor construction will effect any monetary saving over other types, and with reference to the statement made in the last paragraph of your letter, we wish to advise that you must have been misinformed, as the Engineers responsible for the preparation of design and the Consulting Engineer have not been "overruled" as you state.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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COPY

Mr. Meighen

SARNIA BRIDGE COMPANY, LIMITED

Sarnia, Ontario,
April 14th, 1932.

Mr. F.A. Gaby, Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Re: Proposed Administration Building.

Dear Mr. Gaby:-

Appreciate very much your letter of April 13th, and also wish to apologize for making the statement in regard to the Engineers being "overruled" by someone higher in the Department.

We sometimes get over enthusiastic, and especially so in these times, and think that our particular design is not receiving as much favor as it should by the Engineers in charge. Our impressions and enthusiasm may mislead us. However, we appreciate the opportunity to put in an alternate design on steel joist construction.

Steel joist construction, especially our own design and this type of floor construction, gives the same rigidity to the floor construction as any reinforced concrete construction that is built and you know exactly what this floor will carry. The human element is entirely removed. By the use of concrete bridging through the joists and the hunching of the top flanges of the supporting beams, we have a construction that is very rigid and will support at any point of the floor a concentrated load equal to the total capacity of the joist over which it is concentrated, a construction that does away with all form work for floors during construction and leaves a space between the plaster ceiling and the floor slab open for the use of conduits, piping and other things that you may want to place in this space. This also gives a construction that will resist 1800° of heat under the ceiling for a period of four hours and yet carry its total load on the floor above. The entire damage done by such a fire could be repaired in a short time by repairing whatever damage has been done to the ceiling.

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If you place light reinforcing mesh in your floor system and leave an expansion joint under your partitions you can avoid all cracks that are prevalent in a concrete floor slab. We cannot prevent the shrinkage of concrete but it can be controlled by being taken up under partitions where it will not show.

Mr. Harkness was against steel joists construction for several years until we adopted the concrete bridging between the joists and the hunching of the top flanges of the supporting beams to give the floor the rigidity which he requires. Since then we believe he has been very favorable towards this type of construction.

Steel joist type of construction is 100% Canadian material made from Canadian rolled steel and welded together by Hydro electric power. This employs a class of labor which at the present time needs as much help as any other class, that is the skilled and semi-skilled labor. The tendency in the past has been to take care of the common type of labor to the exclusion of those that form the back bone of our citizenship.

Any help or consideration that you can give us in connection with this work would be greatly appreciated. I am turning a copy of this letter over to our Mr. C.J. Madgett, Toronto representative, asking him to get in touch with you to see what can be done to assist in getting a favorable consideration in regard to the use of steel joists in this building.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) R.M. Norton.

RMN/GS.

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SIR JAMES AIKINS, K.C., LL.D. (1879-1929)
EDWIN LOFTUS, K.C., LL.D. G.H. AIKINS, K.C. E.K. WILLIAMS, K.C. J.A. MacAULAY, K.C.
D.A. THOMPSON, G.E. TRITSCHLER, T.W.B. HINCH.
R.E. CURRAN, W.T. DORWARD.

CABLE ADDRESS "AIKINS"
Somerset Block, Portage Ave.
Winnipeg, Canada.

PERSONAL:

March 31, 1932.

Right Honourable
Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

My brother-in-law, R. M. Gourlay, was one of the Surveyors and Engineers on the staff of the Ontario Hydro for a number of years. Ill health compelled him to resign and to come West in an attempt to recover. He did not leave to take any other position, and would much preferred to have remained with the Hydro. He came West and was benefitted in health by the change. While out here from time to time he managed to get temporary employment. Where he has to depend upon the practice of his profession for his livelihood, I believe his record with the Hydro was very satisfactory and I know the same applies to the work that he did from time to time in the West. His health has greatly improved and he would like to go back to the Hydro.

Of course, he and I understand the situation at the present time. He is, however, anxious to have his application before the Board and has addressed it to Mr. Gaby, the Chief Engineer who, I understand, is quite familiar with Gourlay's work.

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Right Honourable Arthur Meighen:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing the application and I should be extremely obliged if you would pass it on to Mr. Gaby with the request that when the time comes it will receive as favourable consideration as possible, having regard to the fact that Gourlay was formerly an employee of the Hydro and only left for reasons of ill health.

I am quite sure that he will receive this consideration from Mr. Gaby in any event, but I am naturally interested in seeing him back at work as soon as possible, and if there is anything that you could do to that end I would esteem it a very great personal favour.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

EKW/F
encl.

E.K. Williams

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129709

April 6, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter addressed to you from Mr. Gourlay, sent me by his brother-in-law in Winnipeg, whom I know very well.

Will speak to you about the matter later.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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129710

April 6, 1932.

Mr. E. K. Williams,
Aikins, Loftus & Williams,
Somerset Block,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I just received your letter of 31st this morning. Am sending Mr. Gourlay's letter up to Mr. Gaby at once, and will speak to him about it very shortly.

Mr. Gaby, I know, always takes an interest in former Hydro employees, and I would think it probable that Mr. Gourlay would have preference.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Copy for Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen

LETTER MAILED
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April 14th, 1932.

Mr. R.M. Gourlay,
Lêduc,
Alberta.

Dear Mr. Gourlay:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 14th, 1932, forwarded through the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen. I am sorry that at the present moment the construction forces of the Commission are very small and we have little new work on hand at this time. I know of no opening that I could offer you which would be suitable for a man of your experience, but should be very glad to have you fill out the enclosed application form and return it to this office so that we may have your name before us, should an opening occur at any time in the immediate future.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Copy for Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen

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April 14th, 1932.

Mr. G.H. Bryson,
214 Pictoria Avenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter addressed to Senator G.V. White under date of March 23rd, 1932, has been handed to us by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen for consideration. We have again made an investigation as to the possibility of employing you on our transmission lines, and I regret very much to state that in view of the small amount of work available during the present year, and the reduction recently made in our staff we have no opening at the present time for a man of your experience. We will, however, keep your name before us for consideration should an opportunity present itself for utilizing your services in the organization of the Commission at some time in the future.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Miss Edmondson -
Please place on
Mr. Meighen's desk to take up to
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O.Graham.

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Ottawa, May 6th, 1932.

Dear Roy:-

I have your letter of the 5th instant.

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I cannot place men on Hydro, but I can recommend them for when work commences and see that their application gets fair attention.

I will watch carefully for work for you along the line indicated in your letter.

Yours very truly

Roy Thompson, Esq.,
c/o The Manufacturers Life Ins. Co.,
Hamilton, Ont.

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A. WINTEMUTE
BRANCH MANAGER

Merritton May 5th. 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arhtur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;

According to Press and other reports there seems to be some development re St. Lawrence. No doubt since an agreement has been reached between the Federal and Hydro immediate action will be taken by the latter on preliminary work.

Since going out of Business here two years ago, I have had nothing but reverses, and at times have been very much discouraged.

Can you not have me placed on this work at once, dont care what kind as long as I can make an honest living for my Family an d an opportunity to make good.

Hoping to receive an early reply,

Sincerely yours

Ray Thompson

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THE SENATE CANADA

SPEAKER'S CHAMBERS
OTTAWA.

13th May, 1932.

The Right Honourable
Arthur Meighen,
Leader of the Senate,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

With my thanks for your kind reception of the other day, permit me to enclose herewith, for your information, the personal letter just received from Messrs. Laflamme & Laflamme Ltd., of Ottawa, together with the annexed document, which may be of some interest to you.

Very sincerely yours,

P. E. Blondin

Encls.

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Laflamme & Laflamme, Limited

General Contractors

81 Somerset St. West,
OTTAWA, Ont. May 12th.1932.

Personal

The Honourable P.E. Blondin,
The Senate Chambers,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter.

I am enclosing sheet of information re. clearing done on transmission lines in the past for the Hydro-Electric, which comes from a responsible engineer. You will note that the work was done by the farmers and that it was not as satisfactory as it could be.

We are working on the affair and will try and prepare an estimate in the course of a week to be submitted to Mr. Gaby. We believe that we can do this work at a lower cost and at the same time let the job where they would insist on letting farmers do this work, but we could diplomatically handle this clearing so that they would not have to come over and do it over again, which is very costly.

Unfortunately, I have been called away to Gaspe and will be out of town for about four or five days. In the meantime, however, our engineer will get the details ready for this clearing price.

Trusting you are enjoying good health and thanking you for the kind interest which you are taking on our behalf, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Lionel Laflamme

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NOTES With Reference to Clearing of Right of Way
GATINEAU-TORONTO 220 K.V.Steel Tower Lines

Clearing of Right of Way let by Land Agent of the Department to various property owners and farmers supposedly with the idea of obtaining these peoples' good-will and obtaining easement for tower sites.

In many instances considerable delay and inconvenience was experienced by the construction department by these farmers being unable or unwilling to get their land cleared in the time specified and in some cases the stringing gangs were held up by the right of way not being cleared.

The cutting done by the farmers was in many cases the work of inexperienced men, the stumps being left very high and the brush only partly cleared up by burning and for this class of work the prices paid by the Commission was high, namely around $60.00 per acre, considering that Hydro-Electric had to return and put out special gangs to complete the work.

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Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc. CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION
190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

May 17th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to your communication of May 11th, in reference to the application of Laflamme and Laflamme, Limited, for the opportunity of tendering on the clearing of transmission line from Chats Falls to Masson; in view of the conditions existing in so far as the quantity of clearing is concerned, it is our experience that this work can be more economically carried on by the forces of the Commission as attached to the construction gangs. Should, however, it be found desirable to carry on the work by outside contract we shall be only too glad to give the above mentioned firm an opportunity of bidding on this work.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Taking up Gaby with Mr send copy to Gaby

Russell, Ontario
May 20th, 1932.

Honourable Arthur Meighen
Dominion Parliament Bldgs.
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

You recently advised me to write you a letter with regard to employment with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, stating that you would take the matter up with F.A. Gaby, Chief Engineer of the above Commission.

I have just completed the 4 year course in Electrical Engineering at the University of Toronto, and I was successful in obtaining my degree.

During my summer vacations, I have been employed by the Hydro Electric Power Commission.

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I have worked on the construction of rural transmission lines, at Ingersoll Ontario; electrical maintenance in the Toronto Power Company's plant at Niagara Falls, and last summer I was employed in the Head Office in Toronto, in the Municipal Engineering Department under Mr S. F. Drewry.

Upon applying for a position this spring at the Commission's Employment office I was informed that due to the prevailing business conditions, they would be unable to locate me. I had understood that should my summer work on the student's course be satisfactory, I would receive employment when I graduated.

I would be very grateful, if you would take this matter up with Mr Saby, in the near future. I can supply suitable references should they be required.

Thanking you in advance I am,

Yours truly,

W. B. Proudfoot.

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May 23, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from Mr. W. B. Proudfoot of Russell, Ontario, with regard to his application for employment with the Commission.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

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May 23, 1932.

Mr. W. B. Proudfoot,
Russell, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Upon my return from the West to-day, I received your letter of 20th regarding employment with the Hydro Commission, and am taking the matter up with Mr. Gaby.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Arthur Meighen.

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May 26th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Vice-President and General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto.

Re: Application for Position -
Mr. W. B. Proudfoot

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am in receipt of your communication of May 23rd, together with the enclosed copy of letter which you received from Mr. W.B.Proudfoot of Russell, Ontario. We will arrange to get in touch with this man with the object of ascertaining if it be possible to do anything for him.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

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190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2

May 25th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
NATIONAL BLDG.
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir:- **Re: Combines Investigation Act**

Attached, hereto, you will find copy of communication, dated May 23rd, 1932, from the General Manager of the Toronto Hydro-Electric System, together with a copy of my acknowledgement thereof, for your information and guidance.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY

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May 26th, 1932

Mr. E. M. Ashworth,
General Manager,
Toronto Hydro-Electric System,
825 Yonge Street,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir:- Re: Combines Investigation Act

Your letter of the 23rd instant, herein, came duly to hand and will be brought to the attention of the Commission at its next meeting which, it is expected, will be held early in the coming week.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY

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TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Office of the General Manager,

TORONTO, May 23rd, 1932

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue.

Gentlemen, Re Combines Investigation Act

When the Commissioners began operations and for several years thereafter, invitations for tenders for the supply of meters and transformers appeared to result in competitive prices from the manufacturers. During the last few years, the prices on meters from all Canadian meter manufacturers have been identical to the last cent. The same applies to pole type transformers. Recently, identical prices have been received on larger transformers costing over $2,000.00 each.

At their meeting of May 20th, the Commissioners recived identical prices on the following apparatus:-

Lead Covered Underground Cable - 84.5¢ per ft.
Standard Underground Cable Co. of Canada, Ltd.
Northern Electric Co., Ltd.
Eugene F. Phillips Electrical Works, Ltd.

200 K.V.A. Network transformers - $2160.00 each
Moloney Electric Co., of Canada, Ltd.
Ferranti Electric, Ltd.
Packard Electric Co., Ltd.
English Electric Co., of Canada, Ltd.
Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.
Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.

25 Amp. 115/230 Volt, 3-Wire meters - $14.01 each
Sangamo Co., Ltd.
Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.
Packard Electric Co., Ltd.
Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.
Ferranti Electric Ltd.

Low Energy Overcurrent Relays - $56.00 each
Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.
Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.

Automatic Motor-operated A.C. Network protectors $2240.00 each
Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.
Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.

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H.E.P.C. of Ontario May 23rd, 1932

Disconnecting, Grounding and Short-circuiting Switches - $621.00 each
Canadian Westinghouse Company, Ltd.
Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.

The Commissioners have taken this matter up with their Counsel and are advised that in his opinion, the action of the companies concerned constitutes a combine and is illegal, and can be broken up for the benefit of the consumers of Hydro Power.

The Commissioners are of the opinion that as your Commission represents some six hundred Hydro municipalities, any action taken in this matter should be taken by your Commission, and they have therefore, instructed me to draw it to your attention.

Yours faithfully,

"E. M. Ashworth"

General Manager.

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Cobalt.
May. 28/32.

Hon Arthur Meighen.

Dear Sir.

Last January I called on you in connection with Cedar poles at Fleetwood. You told me to write you later as to how we got along. - Up to the present the Hydro have taken only about fifty ($50.00) dollars worth of these poles.

We would very much appreciate your effort if we could get a substantial order. I am winding up my brother's estate in Fleetwood

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as we have very pressing
diamonds for about
five thousand dollars. –
would it be possible for
the Hydro to take a substantial
number & so help us
greatly in our difficulty
They no doubt have to
use considerable material
but if some other
customers could be
cared off on just for
this occasion it would
put the estate over the
hill & greatly relieved the situation.

Yours truly
(Dr.) C. H. Armstrong
Box 194 Cobalt

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Hydro

June 3, 1932.

Dr. E. F. Armstrong,
Box 197,
Cobalt, Ont.

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

I duly received your letter of 28th. Have been pressing this matter again, but cannot say just when it will be possible to add to the order for poles. I wish I could be more definite, but cannot do so.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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H.B. Joyce
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28 Chicora Ave.,
TORONTO, Ont., May 30, 1932.

The Rt.Hon. Arthur Meighan,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir,-

Admittedly, a more timely suggestion could not be made than the setting up of an Industrial Bureau under auspices of Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario. The immediate preparation of this is the more justifiable in the light of the impending Imperial Conference in July which takes place in this Province. Many matters will upon that occasion be discussed - not the least of which is the subject of Trade Expansion.

An Industrial Bureau intelligently conducted under the banner of Hydro, can be calculated to bring very gratifying results and would occasion no community rivalry whatsoever. This misapprehension seems in the past to have been the obstacle in the path of progress toward an aggressive effort of this kind. To illustrate this, furniture factories would not be logical in the Niagara Peninsular, nor would electro-chemical plants be appropriate anywhere else than near the source of power. There are elementary determining factors which govern the strategic establishment of factories, such as raw material sources, labour supply, comparative freight rates, area for distribution and consumption, which in a large measure govern and justify the setting up of an aggressive Industrial Bureau. The policy of this Bureau must be of necessity, a policy of guidance, diplomatic negotiation and not the exercising of coersion. It would manifestly be against the interests of any given community to have a plant established for which it was not suited. If such a plant did not succeed in a certain community, that fact would obviously be very derogatory to the future development of that area.

A publicly owned utility such as Hydro in Ontario could, may I suggest, work out a programme to the interest of all concerned. Publicity is merely the drop curtain at the back of the stage, as it were, and cannot be calculated to produce the desired results, and can only supplement experienced, intelligent and aggressive work in the field. The fact that Southern Canada Power Co. Ltd. and other Companies in Quebec Province, which are successfully conducting such an effort, is not especially helped by the fact that they are privately owned. The fact remains that a latent, waiting attitude cannot offset aggressive steps which have been taken for some time to divert industrial and commercial activity to other parts of the Dominion. A number of enterprises have left Ontario due to various causes and the lack of an established organization of an active nature to persuade them to remain.

British and United States' Industrialists have in many cases expressed their preparedness to do their part, if they are to

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open branch plants in Canada. Quebec Power Companies are naturally very proud of their achievement in reaching out and securing new industries. May I respectfully suggest that the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario seriously consider, without further delay and without the fear of any justifiable opposition, a promptly instituted policy of giving adequate and appropriate guidance toward the establishment of new industries where they may best be served to the mutual interest of both the Power Commission and the individual industry itself, as well as the communities concerned.

May I also point out that the railroads including public owned C.N.R. are conducting highly satisfactory Industrial Bureaus which do not result in confliction between the various points along their right-of-way. Certain of our outstanding Canadian banks have also found this to be a highly successful and very gratifying means of securing new business, notwithstanding the fact that they have a chain of branches across the Dominion serving numerous communities, which are certainly not militated against by this businesslike policy. The writer can picture the achievement of tremendous results if you will have the graciousness to give the above subject your sincere, active attention.

With regard to the budget required, I may say that this can be kept surprisingly low in the way that I would propose that such a Bureau should be operated.

I trust that you may see your way clear to actively and effectively discuss the subject of Hydro Industrial Bureau at your meeting this week.

I will be interested to receive word from you after you have thoroughly gone into the matter and will be only too pleased to give further points of information to your assembled Board if it is so desired.

Yours very respectfully,

Harold D. Joyce

HAROLD D. JOYCE.

P.S. Considerable research and other preliminary work is necessary. Even though St. Lawrence Waterways' plans etc. are pending, I commend, for your consideration, the suggestion that it would be well to get this work started without delay in order that no time be lost.

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W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2.

May 31st, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have your letter of the 27th instant respecting Mr. Conant. I have spoken to Colonel Price about him and will do so again, but I understand that it is not at all certain that there will be a list of K.C.'s on June 3rd.

Yours sincerely,

J R Cooke

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OFFICE OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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CORNWALL, ONT. May 30th, 1932.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
House of Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Right Honourable and Dear Sir:--

To begin with, let me offer you my congratulations for your masterly speech in the Senate on the Beauharnois deal. You have accomplished something that is greatly appreciated in this part of Canada by getting rid of one who always depended on others. I have always had the opinion that he put the Leader of the Opposition in a very uncomfortable position by his conduct, and, as you know, what he was, he was made by the Honourable Mr. King.

However, people thought your address a masterly one, and I am free to say that of my knowledge of you on the floor of the House, my opinion is that there is not another man can stand with you in Parliamentary argument on any question that requires to be thoroughly investigated and reported on.

Hydro

Sometime ago, I wrote you about one Alton Robertson who in November, 1925, was terribly injured while working in the employ of the Hydro-Electric a short distance west of Cornwall. He received 22,000 volts of electricity while up on a pole, and as a result I had to amputate his left arm above the elbow and his right leg high up above the knee. At the same time, he lost the sight of his right eye. He made a wonderful recovery after many months, and he is now in your employ at Belleville working under disadvantages, but I know you will thoroughly realize this. However, he is a good piece of stuff.

Now, would it not be possible to have the Board extend to him a gratuity to raise his salary from $65. to $100. a month so that he could be in a better position to pay those who have to help him in his work such as dressing and other necessary attentions which a man in his position would require. It would appear to me that when you look around and see the many robust fellows drawing pensions, on compassionate grounds this poor fellow should be considered.

Kindly give this matter that attention which I know you will if it is in your power, and with renewed expressions of kindness, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Hamilton

(C.J.Hamilton).

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Cornwall, May 30, 1932.

Excerpt from letter of Dr. C. J. Hamilton
to Mr. Meighen.

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(Signed) C. J. Hamilton).

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June 4, 1932.

Dear Dr. Hamilton:

I have your letter of 30th. Please accept from me first an expression of very sincere thanks for the most generous sentiments you have addressed to me.

I remember quite well taking up the case of Alton Robertson some months ago, and will with pleasure do so at the next meeting of our Commission.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Dr. C. J. Hamilton,
Cornwall, Ont.

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Office of the Commissioner

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190 University Avenue, Toronto

Mr. Wells May Attorney
Have report - respectfully
submitted
Meighen to

JUN 7 1932

NOTED

June 6, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

At Mr. Meighen's request I am sending you copy of letter from Dr. C. J. Hamilton regarding Mr. Alton Robertson, together with copy of Mr. Meighen's reply.

Yours very truly,

E. M. Edmondson

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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June 6, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

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E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO.

DATE June 7, 1932.

MEMORANDUM TO Mr. F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer.

SUBJECT Mr. J. A. Robertson

Sir:-

On July 23, 1931, at your request, I reported on the above noted man as follows:-

"Mr. J. A. Robertson while employed in the Operating Department, received an electrical shock and severe electrical burns while using a stataphone in testing insulators on November 2nd, 1925. He was resuscitated and received hospital and surgical treatment for his injuries. The burns were so severe that it was necessary to amputate his left arm and right leg, and he has been fitted with artificial limbs. There also developed an eye involvement necessitating surgical interference which has left him with partial sight in his right eye and normal sight in left eye. His hospital care extended over a period of three years. Toward the end of this period he started a business course in Cornwall and after a break due to an operation on his eyes, completed this course, being reimbursed by the Commission for the cost of the Course.

From the early treatment in hospital of Mr. Robertson an endeavour was made to find out what he could do after the surgical treatment was completed, and after going into various schemes for him to carry on his own business, he finally asked for a position with the Commission and early in 1929 was offered and accepted a position in the Stores Section of the Belleville office of the Operating Department for which work he is paid $65.00 per month, this being what the job is worth. He has been placed on pension for life by the Workmen's Compensation Board, which amounts to $64.00 per month.

Recently, Mr. Robertson complained about a squint which had developed in his eye and we had him examined by Dr. Lowry who had previously attended to his eyes and after discussing the matter with the Consulting Surgeon, it was found advisable if possible to give Mr. Robertson some outdoor work as well as the indoor clerical work and in this regard we are advising the Operating Department and asking for their comments."

An endeavour was made to have Mr. Robertson located on outside work, but due to Mr. Robertson's disability, this to date has been an impossibility. The Operating Department have expressed their willingness "if the work on which he is engaged is found to be too great a strain on

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his good eye, about the only thing that can be done is to grant him leave of absence until he is fit for duty again".

Mr. Robertson was brought in to Toronto on January 15th for examination by an eye specialist, and our Consulting Surgeon advises his condition is unchanged.

Mr. Robertson is being paid at the present time, all the position is worth, and we will continue endeavouring to obtain more suitable work for him, but with conditions as they are at present we are not very hopeful.

Respectfully submitted,

Wills Maclachlan Jr.

WM/GB

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June 9, 1932.

Dr. C. J. Hamilton,
Cornwall, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Hamilton:

Further to my letter of June 4th, I have made careful enquiry regarding Mr. J. A. Robertson. I find Mr. Robertson is in receipt of $65.00 a month from the Commission in respect of his work, and is also in receipt of $64.00 a month workmen's compensation, which, of course, comes indirectly from the Commission. This makes $129.00 a month. Under these circumstances I do not think there is cause for complaint.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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June 11, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is Petition signed by William Henry Strong of Perth and three others.

Would you kindly let me have a memo to enable me to reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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M. O. H. for
Drummond, Bathurst, North Elmsley
and South Sherbrooke.

Dr. W. A. Meighen

Phone 48

Perth, Ont. June 6th., 1932.

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Castle Frank Cresent,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Arthur :-

The enclosed letter explains the situation. These men called on me to see if you could do something to allow them to remain as formerly in regard to the electricity used by them in lighting their homes, otherwise they intend to do without it.

Am sorry to give you this trouble, but when convenient you might drop me a few lines as to what you advise.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. A. Meighen

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June 13, 1932.

Dr. W. A. Meighen,
Perth, Ont.

Dear Will;

I have your letter of 6th with enclosure. Will look after this and have a reply sent shortly.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2

June 11th, 1932

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
TORONTO 2, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose, for your information, copy of a study showing residential rates for electricity and gas in certain cities of the State of New York.

This study was sent to the Commission by Mr. Malcolm F. Orton, Chief of the Bureau of Research and valuation, Public Service Commission, Albany, N.Y.

Yours truly,

W. W. Pope

SECRETARY

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1931.

A PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
for Ontario

Having had a unique opportunity to observe the operations of various development organizations throughout the Dominion, I have been profoundly impressed with the success attained by the industrial offices of the hydro-electric power companies of Quebec in attracting new industries to that province. The potential field in Ontario for a corresponding programme is most promising.

Quebec Plan

Each important power distribution company in Quebec maintains a small industrial office staffed by several keen industrial engineers. These officials secure early contact with firms considering the establishment of Canadian plants. The manufacturer is, however, interested in far more than his power supply. He wants to know all about sources of raw materials, costs, distribution, labour, similar existing domestic factories, processes, tariffs, etc.

The power company's engineer promptly seeks to procure the information. Through the National Development Bureau, Department of the Interior, Ottawa (which is a clearing house for Dominion-wide data on industrial development) he is able to secure a detailed report on the Canadian field for that particular industry. This he may supplement by local data for the district served by the power company. The in-

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quiring manufacturer then has an extensive picture of the possibilities on which to base his decision. Naturally with such fine service, he is strongly attracted to a Quebec location.

The diversity of information sought may be illustrated by the following subjects of inquiry sent by one power company to the above Bureau-

> Insulation board industry; production of carbon black from oils; the manufacture of carbon bisulphide, sulphates of ammonia, foundry facings, nitro cellulose lacquers, tennis balls, ethyl alcohol from raw sawdust, paper milk bottles, edible gelatine, braided elastic, radio cabinets; the tanning industry; pulpwood sources of rayon pulp; the talc and soapstone industry; atmospheric nitrogen fixation plants; fireclay possibilities; sugar beet industry; casein industry; Hudson Bay resources; leads for the disposal of surplus power; etc.

This same company has established 40 new major industries in Quebec in the last few years, not to mention small plants and the expansion of existing factories.

Ontario Situation

If Ontario is to secure her full share of new industries for the future, a provincial policy along lines somewhat analogous to those of the Quebec power companies is essential. Industrial inquiries of a wide nature when made to local municipalities cannot usually be given adequate answers as the majority of the municipalities have not the full data and cannot afford the upkeep of an office for the purpose. This feature is emphasized by a slight tendency for

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new industries to be attracted to the smaller cities and towns on account of cheaper land values and living conditions for labour.

The provincial hydro commission is the logical place for an industrial office because of its close business association with numerous municipalities and its early contact with prospective manufacturers respecting power data.

It is evident that Hydro cannot use the Quebec system and enter into the recommendation of a site in a particular municipality as this would constitute discrimination. On the other hand, the homogeneous and province-wide character of the Commission would be an asset in assuring the prospective manufacturer an unbiased presentation of the attractions of the whole province as compared with the emphasis on the local district served by a power company in Quebec.

Suggested Service

An industrial office functioning under Hydro would be able to render a splendid service as illustrated by the following suggestions:

(1) To supply the municipalities with complete industrial reports to cover inquiries received by them from prospective industries.

(2) To supply direct, to any inquiring prospect, industrial data but leaving the choice of a site entirely to the manufacturer and the municipality that attracts him.

(3) To advise municipalities on suggestions for encouraging new industries; for instance, industrial surveys which they might make of their localities

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to discover gaps where new industries would fit in.

(4) To prepare lists and details of vacant factory plants, for distribution to inquiring manufacturers.

(5) To disseminate information on the economic possibilities of developing latent raw resources through the use of surplus hydro power.

(6) To circularize the municipalities from time to time on developments which indicate that certain types of industry might be attracted to Ontario.

(7) To compile special Ontario industrial statistics, not available elsewhere, for the encouragement of new industry.

A feature of this service on which too much stress cannot be laid is prompt action on inquiries and complete reports in every case.

General Organization

The necessary organization should be compact, highly efficient and flexible. This objective can be partially attained by using existing development organizations and government departments to avoid all possible duplication of effort.

The National Development Bureau at Ottawa is in touch with all federal research activities respecting the products of the farms, forests, and mines; sources of Dominion data and statistics and both published and unpublished Ottawa information on Canadian resources and development. Co-operation might be effected to have this Bureau supply Hydro

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with the national section of any industrial report supplementing it where necessary with a statement from any particular federal department.

Additional information might be under preparation at the same time with a provincial department, Ontario research organizations, the universities or transportation companies.

When assembled the complete memorandum would constitute a splendid agency in clearing up the manufacturer's many angles of doubt and would often be the deciding factor in favor of an Ontario location.

Should the assistance of the National Development Bureau not be available, the alternative would be the maintenance of more extensive records in the Hydro industrial office and a wider correspondence to assemble material from individual sources at Ottawa.

The essential features of a Hydro industrial office would be:

(a) An adequate index system for sources of industrial data

(b) A small industrial library

(c) Facilities for handling correspondence, industrial reports, the preparation of occasional industrial maps, charts, and literature as required.

It is suggested that any industrial promotion programme be initiated in a modest form. This would provide opportunity to study by close and extended contact the de-

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tailed needs of the municipalities and industry and to gradually mould effective machinery to fit the special requirements of the Ontario situation with the minimum waste of experimental effort.

Respectfully submitted

T. H. Bartley

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
CHAIRMAN,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission
of Ontario,
Toronto.

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RESIDENCE 481

METROPOLITAN BLOCK COR. ONTARIO AND DOWNIE STS.

STRATFORD, ONT. June 3rd. 1932

Honorable Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

For your information I am enclosing a copy of letter which I have forwarded to the Prime Minister today in connection with the proposed Memorial on the Baden Hills to Sir Adam Beck.

Yours very truly,

R. Thomas Orr

RTO:NG

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STRATFORD, ONT. June 3rd. 1932

COPY

Honorable Geo. S. Henry,
Prime Minister,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

Honored and Dear Sir:- Re Sir Adam Beck Memorial
Baden Hills

You may remember a very representative delegation meeting you on November 10th last in connection with the above matter and your offer to appoint a Committee of your Cabinet to work with a Committee of three chosen by myself from Municipalities. This Committee were to get competitive plans or sketches from the best architects, estimate of cost and full details. On December 21st., I advised you that Major Gordon J. Ingram and Ex-Mayor, Carl Kranz of Kitchener had agreed to act with me on this Committee from the Municipalities.

I have had a great many inquiries from enthusiastic admirers of Sir Adam Beck and Hydro in Western Ontario as to what is being done in this connection and have always answered that you have been very busy during the session of Parliament but no doubt the matter would now receive your attention and that the Committee would proceed to organize and get the information that you require.

I have been advised that the people of Kitchener and Waterloo County are becoming impatient, feeling that nothing has been done during the past six months, and are again urging me to take up this matter with you and see if this work cannot be commenced this summer. I also received an inquiry from the London Chamber of Commerce.

I would be very glad to hear from you so that I may be able to assure the many people inquiring that this work is not being neglected.

Yours very truly,

RTO:NG

(S(GD) R. THOMAS ORR

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Hydro

June 10, 1932.

Mr. R. Thomas Orr,
Metropolitan Block,
Stratford, Ont.

Dear Mr. Orr:

Mr. Meighen has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the3rd inst., and to advise you that the matter is receiving the consideration of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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R. C. MATTHEWS
134 LYNDHURST AVE
TORONTO 10

June 13th, 1932.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
57 Castle Frank Crescent,
Toronto,
Ontario.

Personal.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I have been asked by Mr. A. Baron of 12 Snowden Avenue, to approach you on his behalf.

Mr. Baron, who until recently has lived in my Constituency, has been employed for some time with the Provincial Hydro-Electric Power Commission, in the Accounting Department, under the supervision of Mr. Pierdon. I think Mr. Baron has received notice that his services will terminate at the middle of the present month.

I regret that Mr. Baron is being let out, because he and his wife have been very good citizens, and Mrs. Baron has interested herself particularly in political affairs. She is a very efficient young woman, who came from Ottawa, where she had employment for some years as stenographer. Her business experience has been of great value to the Women's Conservative Association of Ward Three, of which she was Secretary until she ran for President last year, narrowly missing being elected.

Baron and his wife are a very excellent type, and have done a great deal of social service work for some years in my Constituency. On this account, and on account of the excellent character of these people, I regret that Mr. Baron's services are to be discontinued with the Hydro-Electric. Perhaps the Commission could see its way clear to continue him, or to give him some other employment.

With kindest regards,

I am,

Yours very truly,

RCM/MM

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June 16, 1932.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Attached is letter from Mr. R. C. Matthews, M.P. Have never received a letter alongthis line from Mr. Matthews, so it can be appreciated that he considers the case quite special. Would be glad if anything could be done to meet his rishes.

Perhaps you would phone him direct yourself, as I will be away tomorrow (Friday.)

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Hydro 129759

June 22, 1932.

Mr. R. C. Matthews,
134 Lyndhurst Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Referring to your letter of 13th June, I immediately got in touch with Mr. Gaby and am enclosing herewith copy of his letter of June 21st.

As you very seldom make a request, I am exceedingly sorry that it appears impossible to meet this one.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Arthur Meighen.

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Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Engineering Department

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June 21st, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Vice-President & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have investigated the matter referred to in the letter addressed to you by Mr. R.C. Matthews under date of June 13th, regarding Mr. A. Baron of 12 Snowden Avenue, and find that this man was employed temporarily, on the specific understanding that as soon as the work upon which he was engaged was completed the Commission would have no further use for his services.

We shall be glad indeed to keep Mr. Baron's name before us and to give him consideration should an opportunity present itself for employment in the future, as his past work was quite satisfactory and his "lay-off" due solely to the fact that the work upon which he and others were engaged is completed.

I regret to say that Mr. Baron is not the only one laid off, he being but one of a number whose services we had to dispense with under similar circumstances, and am only sorry that we have no other openings available which we could offer him at the present time.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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June 22, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Attached is copy of letter just received from Mr. A. T. Stuart. If you feel that you can see Mr. Stuart, would you kindly write him to the address given in the copy, suggesting time that will meet your convenience.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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Copy for
The Hon. Arthur Meighen

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1006 Concourse Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.,
June 23rd, 1932.

Private and Confidential

The Honorable Geo. S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Parliament Buildings,
TORONTO, Ont.

Re: Ontario Power Service.

Dear Mr. Henry:

In writing you with regard to the above I think it best at the outset to make it clear that I am not interested in the enterprise, and that therefore such observations which I may make are not in any way influenced by material personal considerations.

Naturally the difficulties of the Abitibi Company, and the fact that uneasiness exists as to the ability of O.P.S. to complete the power undertaking, has been responsible for much discussion and uneasiness with the public who are concerned with such things. As you know, the bonds of O.P.S. are widely distributed among important corporations and individuals who, I find, were influenced to make their investments in consequence of the success suggested through the fact that Ontario Hydro contracted for 100,000 H.P. at a price which would mean the success of the proposition and the payment of the bond interest as it fell due.

The suspicion now exists that all is not well, and I can only say that if time should establish justification for these fears, the results and consequences will be calamitous in that public confidence, already at a low ebb, will be almost, if not entirely,

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eliminated.

From my knowledge of the situation I can see no reason for such a development and again, as I see the picture, the remedy in the conditions prevailing is entirely in the hands of the Government and the Hydro Electric Commission. I say this because of my faith and confidence that every ounce of power which Canyon is capable of developing will be required in the North country, plus what can be taken through the transmission line established between the power site and Sudbury. As you know, I have been concerned for a number of years in the mining business and from what I know of what is going on I am confident that the development of the mining resources in Ontario and Quebec which can be made tributary to Canyon power will progressively, in the next five years, require all of the energy which can be made available. In fact, the necessity will probably be apparent for augmenting the present (including Canyon) sources of supply. For this reason I cannot see why your Government should hesitate about stepping into the breach and thus avoid a calamity which perforce would be far reaching in its consequences.

Roughly speaking, my plan would be as follows:

(a) Hydro to take over the Canyon development at once.

(b) Substitute the present 5½% bonds for 4% or 4½% Hydro bonds.

(c) Pay off the contractors and supply houses for balances due through the issuance of further 4% or 4½% Hydro bonds.

The effect of such a policy would render large quantities of cheap power available for the development of Northern Ontario, and I am satisfied that this would have a tremendous stimulating effect. Possibly this step might later be followed by the acquisition of the Nesbitt-

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Thompson power interests, thus placing Hydro in entire control of the field.

As things stand at present, Hydro is obligated under its contract with O.P.S. to take 100,000 H.P. as of October 1st next. Having regard to the substantial financial interests who are interested in the securities issued by O.P.S., it is inconceivable to me that they would permit the proposition to go into liquidation when it can be completed and the Company placed in a position to deliver power through the finding of a further $5,000,000.00.

Assuming this, Hydro, under their contract, will carry the whole thing, while under the proposal which I have suggested they will own and control the entire capacity of the plant and be placed in a position to sell power at rates which should attract capital to the North. For this reason I can see no justification whatever for hesitancy on the part of your Government in giving effect to the principle of the scheme which is outlined above.

The effect on Abitibi would also be very beneficial as it is probable that this Company could readjust its position if they were relieved of the O.P.S. situation and the obligations which they have undertaken in that connection.

I feel so strongly about the situation that I have taken the liberty of writing you, and I hope to learn at a very early date that the Government have decided to take courageous action along the lines indicated above. Undue delay would, in my humble judgment, prove dangerous, and possibly defeat the objective which I have suggested.

Sincerely yours,

D.M. Hogarth

DMH:P

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Mr. R. T. Jeffery

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☐ FOR ATTENTION
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☑ FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

June 11, 1932.

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Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is Petition signed by William Henry Strong of Perth and three others.

Would you kindly let me have a memo to enable me to reply.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro-Electric Question at Perth.

To the powers that be.:

As the matter stands there are four residences just over the line or so situated with only the width of the street between the corporation and the above houses, which have been constant users of the town electric service for lighting purposes during a period of approximately fifteen years.

The average cost per year, on the town system, per each home has been in the neighbourhood of. fifteen dollars per annum, as there were no motors used, the service was for lighting purposes only.

Now it is proposed, to disconnect these houses from the town service, and wire them up with a rural Hydro line which was built last fall to the Rideau Ferry summer resort at the instigation of well-to-do summer residents. Provided we consented to be

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connected on this rural line the average cost per annum per home would be about forty-five dollars, or three times as much as our present system.

We submit, that after paying a considerable sum of money for installing electric service, and having been constant users over a period of fifteen years that we should be permitted to continue as we are, on the Perth electric system otherwise we submit we will be forced to do without electric service, and which we intend to do without as the cost would be absolutely prohibitive.

Signed by the following aforesaid users. William Henry Strong

Henry Forizell

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June 27th, 1932

TO RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, P.C., K.C.,
COMMISSIONER

I am attaching a suggested reply to Mr. Wm. Henry Strong of Perth with reference to petition of himself and three others in connection with service from the Perth Hydro-Electric System.

Yours very truly,

Chief Engineer

GFD/F

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June 28th, 1932.

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Yours very truly,

RTJ:M.

COMMISSIONER.

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Perth Domestic Rates

33 ¢ / 66 ¢ service charge

3 ¢ per KWH for 55 KWhrs.
1½ ¢ " " " balance.

Less 10% prompt pay

Perth Rural Rates

Class B.
1.50 ¢ service charge

6 ¢ per KWH for 30 KWhrs
2 ¢ " " " balance

Class C
2.35 ¢ service charge
consumption rate similar to above

Class 3
2.50 ¢ service charge

6 ¢ per KW H for 42 KW hrs
2 ¢ " " " balance.

Comparison of a customer using 45 KW H per month

	Perth Hydro		Perth Rural		
	Light	Range	Class B	Class C " 2 b.	Class 3
Service charge	33¢	66¢	1.50	2.35	2.50
1st rate	1.35	1.35	1.80	1.80	2.52
2nd rate	—	—	.30	.30	.6
Total gross	1.68	2.01	3.60	4.45	5.08
" Discount	.17	.20	.36	.45	.51
Nett Bill	1.51	1.81	3.24	4.00	4.57

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Copy for Mr. Meighen

June 27th, 1932.

Mr. A.T. Stuart,
8 Strachan Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

The Rt. Hon. A. Meighen has forwarded to me a copy of your letter addressed to him under date of June 20th, 1932, and I am now writing to suggest that you arrange to see me about the middle of next month. If you will call my office around this time they will be able to indicate a date and time satisfactory to myself.

Yours truly,

J.A. Gaby

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Lindsay, June 27th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
TORONTO 2, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Just a word of appreciation of your recent great speech which you gave at Bigwin Inn, the substance of which I presume, we received in last Friday's Mail & Empire, but if later, the full text was published in pamphlet form, I would like to have copy of same.

What you say of the extreme democracy is absolutely correct, and as you say,"do not allow what is fundamental and vital to be impaired merely for what is fanciful or ephemeral".

At the same time I do not think the administration of the Hydro is entirely free from criticism. "Power at cost" is a fine slogan if the cost is not too high. It, like most public works whether federal, provincial, or municipal, generally cost a good deal more than those under private administration.

Our great heritage in Hydro-Power in the Dominion should give us electric power for all purposes at the cheapest possible rate and no effort spared to give it the widest possible distribution.

The private owned power corporations in Quebec have their organizations for securing industries for the purpose of using their power, while we in Ontario, I fear, are relying too much upon our slogan "Power at cost." Is there not a place for an aggressive organization, whose duty it would be to induce a greater number of regular users, particularly in the country, and also to induce manufacturers in all countries, to locate here in Ontario, possibly offering special inducements for the first five or ten years.

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Lindsay, June 27th, 1932.

Speaking from memory, I think the Southern Canada Power at their annual meeting, stated when presenting their statement, that they had within the year, located some 30 odd new industries tributary to their lines.

There may be more activity in the lines that I have mentioned than I know of but if not, I am sure you will accept the suggestions in like manner as I have no doubt you will my appreciation of your recent speech.

WMF/L

Yours truly,

W. Flavelle

This does not call for a reply N.F.

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Hydro

Mr. William Flavelle,
Lindsay, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Flavelle:

I so seldom get a letter from you that I must disobey your injunction and acknowledge yours of 27th. It was indeed kind of you to write me in these terms.

You are quite sound in stating that the public-owned enterprise in Ontario is at a disadvantage as compared with privately-owned enterprises in Quebec, from the standpoint of going after industries and getting them located. We have felt to date that we had to keep out of this activity, because no matter what industry we located, many other municipalities would think they should have had it instead of the one who got it. We feared we would be open to the charge always of discrimination. It is one of the difficulties which publicly-managed enterprises encounter.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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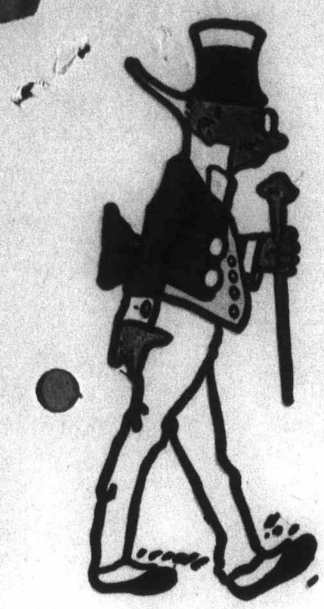

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Hecker-H-O Company of Canada LIMITED

AYR, ONTARIO

June 28, 1932.

PERSONAL

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario

Right Honourable Sir:-

I beg to enclose you copy of letter I have today written to Mr. Cooke, Chairman, Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

If this matter regarding Mr.Little acting in the dual capacities of caretaker of the Ayr Substation, and Hydro-Electric Power Commissioner of the Village of Ayr, has not been put before you, I should like very much if you could give it your consideration.

Yours very truly,

George Bird

G.B/M.
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June 28, 1932.

PERSONAL

Honourable J. R. Cooke, M.L.A.,
Chairman,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario

Honourable Sir:-

I understand from both Mr.Nixon of St.George, Ontario, and Mr. Hipel, Preston, Ontario, that you have decided not to interfere in the matter of Mr.Little at Ayr, holding the dual positions of caretaker of Ayr Substation, and Hydro-Electric Commissioner of the Village of Ayr.

I had intended entering a protest regarding Mr.Little holding these two positions, but refrained from doing this solely on account of a letter written by your Legal Department on December 28th, 1931, to the Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, Ayr, a copy of which I attach.

I feel, to put it mildly, that I have been misled by your commission, and it is evident that one cannot rely on your commission's decisions.

I understand that you intimated both to Mr.Nixon and Mr.Hipel that the controversy regarding this matter is a personal one between Mr.Little and me. I strongly resent this assertion, because I would have taken exception to anyone holding these dual positions no matter who they might be. I have spoken to Mr.Little probably only half a dozen times during the years I have been here, and I have not spoken to him for I am sure over a year. We have had no quarrel, only Mr.Little is, no doubt, somewhat put out at me taking exception to his acting in the two capacities.

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It is apparent, however, that when you conclude it is a personal matter merely because someone here in favour of the illegality says so, that I have little hope in getting justice by appealing to the commission.

I look upon it as a illegality not from my own point of view, but from the point of view of reputable lawyers. But aside from the illegality, it is manifestly improper that anyone should hold these two positions. Suppose any friction arose between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ayr, on which side would an Ayr commissioner, who holds a position from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, be? I think the veriest tyro would be able to answer that question.

I also understand that you consider it in the interest of the ratepayers of the Ayr Village that the matter should be allowed to rest as it is. Mr. Little was caretaker two or three years ago, and because he was not allowed to make out the Hydro power bills for customers, he resigned by putting the substation key on the top of a post, and telephoning the chairman of the commission that he had done so. What about the interests of the ratepayers then?

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Honourable J. R. Cooke, M.L.A.

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I, myself, am, and have always been a Conservative. Mr. Little, I think is a Liberal, but I have no feeling on this account.

I have had in mind having the public press take up this matter, but have refrained so far from doing so on account of my politics. In mentioning this, I am not making any covert threat, but simply feel that an illegality exists, and that I cannot get it redressed.

Yours very truly,

G.B/M.

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June 30, 1932.

Mr. George Bird,
Ayr, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Bird:

I have your letter of 28th. This is the first time the subject has come to my attention personally. Have asked Mr. Cooke to permit me to review the subject before sending his reply. When the reply comes, I have no doubt it will carry my approval.

Meantime I might say that I do not think the local Commissions come into the conflict with the Ontario Commission. Wherever the Ontario Hydro Commission has power of review, its power is absolute.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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July 4, 1932.

PERSONAL

Forwarded by Miss McDowell

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, Ontario

Right Honourable Sir:-

I thank you for your letter of June 30th.

I have had a great deal of correspondence for the past seven months with Mr.Gaby, Mr.Lucas, and others of your Commission, but I am taking the liberty of enclosing you copies of two or three letters, which have been written by Smoke and Smoke, Paris, and me, regarding this matter. These letters speak for themselves.

I also enclose copy of letter of December 28th, 1931, from your Legal Department to the Chairman, Hydro-Electric Commission, Ayr, Ontario.

Had it not been for this letter, I would have protested Mr.Little's appointment. This letter, however, held my hand as I relied on action being taken with your Commission along the lines that Mr.Hanna wrote, and as no action was taken I felt, and feel now, more or less deceived.

Notwithstanding Mr. Hanna's letter of December 28th last, Mr.Little was sworn in, so that your Commission's ruling was treated more or less with contempt.

I may state that this Company, of which I am Manager, uses electric power to the extent of some fifteen thousand dollars a year, and I may say that I own my residence in Ayr, and I am, therefore, a ratepayer there, besides I take it that I am the highest income-taxpayer in the village.

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But beyond all that it seems plain that it is very improper for any man, to hold the position of Hydro Commissioner of the Village of Ayr, and caretaker of the Ayr substation at the same time.

In his capacity as caretaker of the Ayr substation, Mr. Little has been at this plant climbing poles for which work I presume he had to be paid. This does not seem in line with the holding of the position of hydro commissioner here.

It is not a personal matter, because I would feel the same way, if an intimate friend held those two positions.

If it is legal to act in those dual capacities here, it would, therefore, be legal for any man to hold two such positions throughout the whole province, so that a man could accept remuneration from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission at Toronto, and be to some extent indirectly his own superior at the same time.

If we were to cast the law regarding this matter aside altogether, on the face of it, it is bad in theory as well as in practice.

Last March, I received a telephone message from your Commission asking me to go to Toronto and have a meeting with Mr.Lucas. I did so, and I had a very courteous interview with him. At the end of the meeting, Mr.Lucas said he would have the matter put before the Commission. Evidently he did not succeed in getting this done, but I do not attach blame to Mr.Lucas on this account, as my impression is he tried to, but that the way was barred.

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I am sorry to have to trouble you about this controversy, but while in a sense it is trifling, yet in another sense it is a matter of considerable account.

I remain, Right Honourable Sir,

Yours very truly,

George Bird

G.B/M.

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July 14, 1932.

Mr. George Bird,
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Ayr,
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Dear Sir:

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Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner.

AM/E.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Office of the Commissioner

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
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190 University Avenue,
Toronto

July 8, 1932.

Miss Jane McDowell,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Miss McDowell:

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO. .....

DATE July 12th, 1932.

MEMORANDUM TO RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, K.C. P.C.,

SUBJECT Re: Village of Ayr - Re: Bird and Little:

Attached hereto is a draft of reply to letter of the 4th of July from Mr. George Bird of Hecker-H.O. Company of Canada at Ayr, as requested in your memo of the 8th of July.

There is one point in this draft to which attention might be directed. Mr. Little, under the Public Utilities Act, is elected for a two year term. Nevertheless, the elections at the end of this first year should afford Mr. Bird an opportunity to present his views to the electors in the Village.

W. George Hanna

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

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Hecker-H-O Company of Canada LIMITED

AYR, ONTARIO

July 16, 1932.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario

Right Honourable Sir:-

I beg to enclose copy of letter I have today written to Mr.Cooke, in reply to his to me of July 12th.

I remain, Right Honourable Sir,

Yours very truly,
HECKER-H-O COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED.

George Bird
Manager.

G.B/M.
Enc.

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July 16. 1932.

Personal

Honourable J.R. Cooke, M.L.A.,
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ontario

Honourable Sir:-

Your letter of 12th instant is received.

I observe that you express the desire that I should allow the matter to stand until the end of the year, but this would not place me in any better position than I am in at present, as Mr.Little was elected for a two year term.

I will endeavour to get along until the end of the year if you will give me your definite assurance that Mr.Little will be required to resign from the local commission prior to the next municipal elections, and lay down a policy now, that in future no employee of your commission shall act as a member of a local commission.

I shall be glad to have your reply.

Yours very truly,
HECKER-H-O COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED.

Manager.

G.B/M.

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OTTAWA,
CANADA.

July 9th.1932

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen K. C.
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir;-

I would greatly appreciate an appointment with you the first time you are in Ottawa. If you will advise me when this will be, I could meet you at any place and at any time.

H. P. Hill of Ottawa, whom you probably know, has given me some legal advise re our rights on the Mississippi River at Galetta on the property which the Hydro Commission have made an offer to purchase. I would like to discuss this matter with you at the earliest possible moment as I feel that when the matter is properly explained that we can come to some satisfactory agreement with the Hydro Commission.

A reply at your earliest convience will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

R. A. S. Bruce

R. A. S. Bruce.

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July 13, 1932.

Mr. R. A. S.Bruce,
Hall & Bruce Limited,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 9th. Have taken this matter up with the Commission officers with a view to learning completely just what the reference was in the second paragraph of your letter. It appears that it is a reference to a certain property which is under expropriation proceedings or under discussion as to valuations--properties which have been thought to be desirable in connection with the Chats Falls development. This being the case, thematter is entirely one for a Committee which has been formed by the Hydro Commission on the one hand and the Quebec Company (I think the name is Ottawa River Power Company) which has charge of theChats Falls construction from the Quebec end.

The above Committee is the only one before whom it would be of any value to appear. Individual Commissioners have nothing to do with the matter.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. COMMISSIONER.

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Hydro - Telephone

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50 Evelyn Ave.,
Toronto, July 12th, 1932.

Mr. Wills Maclachlan,
Employees Relations Dept.,
H. E. P. C.,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Further to our recent conversation, and acting upon your suggestion, I am submitting herewith particulars regarding myself and experience with the Commission.

I am a Canadian, 34 years of age, married, and in good health. My education consisted of High School, Business College and considerable home study.

I entered the service of the Commission in September 1920 as a Timekeeper in the Line Construction Dept. In January 1921, I was transferred to the Head Office as Storekeeper, in charge of the Construction Department Stores at Strachan Ave. In September 1921, the Construction Department Stores when taken over by the Main Stores, I was then transferred to the Quarries at Walkerton, Ont., as Clerk of Works. The Quarries were sold by the Commission to the Hanover Cement & Stone Limited the following April, and at the request of the new company, I carried on in the same position.

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rejoining the Commission in October 1923 at Eugenia G. S. where the installation of the second pipe line was in progress. I was employed as Timekeeper and assistant to the Superintendent.

Upon the completion of this work, July 1st, 1924, I was transferred to the Head Office and carried on there as Salvage and Plant Clerk, until April 15th, 1927, when, owing to ill health, I left the service of the Commission and joined the Nelson River Construction Co. Limited, as Clerk of Works and Utility Foreman. I might say here that Mr. A. T. Clark was instrumental in securing the position for me. I remained with this Company until their contract was completed and rejoined the Commission on March 1st, 1929. I was rehired as Timekeeper being located at Leaside T. S.

On August 1st, 1929, I was transferred to the Field Force of the Building Section, as sub-foreman, working at Ottawa T. S., Frankford G. S., Hanover F. C., and Niagara T. S. In September 1930, I was given a foremanship and carried out work at Ottawa, Port Colborne, Woodstock, Hastings, Smith Falls, Guelph, Orangeville, Fenelon Falls and Niagara Falls.

The work at Niagara T. S. was completed on May 28th, 1932; since then I have had 15 days work at intervals at Leaside T. S.

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From the foregoing you will see that my experience has brought me in touch with practically every phase of Construction work, both in the Head Office and Field.

My salary has varied from 35¢ per hour as Line Construction Timekeeper to $175.00 per month as Plant and Salvage Clerk and to $215.00 per month as Construction Foreman.

Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. C. S. Grasett and Mr. J. E. Stark will, I am sure, vouch for my ability and character.

In conclusion I might say that in the event of securing permanent employment, I am willing to move to any part of the province, providing that a High School is within reasonable distance.

Trusting that you will give this matter your kind consideration and hoping to hear favourably from you, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. L. Stitely

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July 9, 1932.

Mr. F. H. Byrne,
In charge operation of Plants,
Hydro-Electric Commission.

Dear Mr. Byrne:

The bearer of this letter is Mr. P. R. Gardiner. He is taking a party down to the Niagara District. Would you kindly see that Mr. Gardiner and his party are admitted to the plants of the Hydro-Electric Commission and shown through where desired.

Yours very truly,

E. COMMISSIONER.

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W. C. Edwards & Co. Limited

Lumber Merchants & Manufacturers

Ottawa, Canada June 28/1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.
Chairman Board of Directors,
Canadian General Investment Trust,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Meighen:-

ALL AGREEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO STRIKES, ACCIDENTS, CAR SUPPLY OR DELAY FROM CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.
ORDERS ARE NOT BINDING ON THIS COMPANY UNTIL ACCEPTED BY THE MAIN OFFICE. QUOTATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
NO CONTRACT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY VALID AND BINDING UNLESS COUNTERSIGNED BY AN OFFICER.

This will remind you of our conversation of yesterday when you were good enough to advise me privately on the following points:

1. Is there anything in writing or verbal understanding restricting the Gatineau Power Co. or any other Hydro Electric Co. entering into the distribution of light for any purposes within the City of Ottawa?

2. In your opinion, if anything was later done to make Ottawa a Federal district, would it not naturally follow that the Ontario Hydro would succeed to the present Government contract with the Ottawa Light, Heat & Power?

3. Is there any understanding of any kind between the Hydro and the Ottawa Light, Heat & Power of a character which would bring the Ottawa Light, Heat & Power under control of the Hydro?

These are pretty frank, pertinent question and if you can answer them, I would appreciate the information by return mail if possible.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully yours,

E.R.Bremner.

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Mr. Cooke

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Notes for Use in Preparation of Answer to Letter Addressed to Mr. Meighen under date of June 28th, 1932, by Mr. E.R. Bremner, of W.C. Edwards & Co., Ltd., re Distribution of Electrical Energy in the Municipality of Ottawa.

1. The two subsisting contracts between the Commission and the City of Ottawa dated respectively 2nd February, 1914, and 1st October, 1928, each contain a convenant by the City "to take power exclusively from the Commission during the continuance of this agreement". By virtue of Subsection 1 of section 44 A of the Power Commission Act passed in 1930 a municipal corporation under contract with the Commission to take power exclusively from the Commission shall not grant to any corporation or person any right or franchise to erect or lay down poles, wires, conduits or any other structures or works for the distribution of electrical power or energy in the municipality, either for the use of the municipal corporation or the inhabitants generally, or of any particular person, and every such right or franchise and every agreement therefor granted or entered into with or without the assent of the electors shall be null and void. Subsection 2 of Section 44a which is somewhat lengthy gives procedure to be followed in securing removal of poles, wires and other works from the streets.

The Ottawa Electric Company distributes electrical energy within the Municipality of Ottawa under special Acts of the Dominion, which I understand are without time limit.

2. I do not quite understand what is meant by "making Ottawa a Federal district". At the present moment the Ontario Hydro does not compete directly, but through the Ottawa Hydro-Electric System, which

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is owned by the City of Ottawa, and in the past there has been, as you are no doubt aware, certain competition between these two organizations in the obtaining of Government contracts for the supply of light and power.

3. We know of no understanding of any kind between the Hydro and the Ottawa Light Heat and Power Company which would bring the above mentioned Company under the control of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

There does not appear to be any understanding with the Gatineau Power Company or any other Hydro-Electric Company in regard to distribution of electricity within the City of Ottawa which would affect the question of franchise or right to continue distribution.

July 8th, 1932.

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July 13, 1932.

Mr. E. R. Bremner,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Bremner:

With further reference to your letter of June 28th, I have obtained the information desired as far as is possible. It seems to me I cannot do better than to enclose some notes which have been furnished me by the officers of the Hydro Commission.

If this leaves unanswered any matter as respects which you think the Commission should be more definite, please advise me and we will meet your wishes as far as we can.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

AM/E.
Encl.

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Lumber Merchants & Manufacturers

Ottawa, Canada July 12/1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
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National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Meighen:-

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NO CONTRACT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY VALID AND BINDING UNLESS COUNTERSIGNED BY AN OFFICER.

I had hoped to hear from you regarding my letter of June 28th, which you were good enough to acknowledge in yours of July 2nd by this time, and would appreciate if you can advise me by return mail.

Faithfully yours,

E.R.Brenner.

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July 13, 1932.

Mr. E. R. Bremner,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr Bremner:

I have your letter of July 12th. As regards the Ottawa Electric, I got the data and wrote you yesterday.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioners.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Engineering Department

Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
C. Alfred Maguire, COMMISSIONER
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., CHIEF ENGINEER

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July 14th 1932
ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Ave.,
TORONTO.

Sir:

Enclosed you will please find stenographic transcript of your Address at the Luncheon of the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association and Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities at Bigwin Inn on June 24th.

It is my wish to put this Address in the August issue of the Bulletin. I will be pleased, therefore, if you would go through this report at your earliest convenience, making such revisions as you may think desirable, and return revised copy to me.

Yours truly,

S. R. A. Clement

BULLETIN EDITOR.

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Hydro Electric Commission of Niagara Falls

J. E. TECKOE
MANAGER
J. W. BAYLISS
SEC.-TREASURER

TELEPHONE Nº 656
COR. VICTORIA AVE. AND ARMOURY ST.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO.

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July 21st. 1932.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C.,K.C.,
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, (2), Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

We would again trespass on your time to call attention to the fact that the Niagara Falls Hydro Commission have not as yet received a reply to the data, or subject matter placed before your Commission's Engineers in June 1930.

You will perhaps recall that the Local Commission waited upon you last January in reference to this same subject re 13th power bills for 1930 and which also applies to our 1931-13th power bill.

Since our conference in January, we have written in reference to the same on March 16th., and again on May 30th. In reply to these letters we have been assured that the "Commission's Engineers were working on the figures".

Just previous to the summer convention, the Local Commission received a statement from the Hydro Engineers purporting to be the information we desired. This statement did not have the slightest reference to the figures submitted by our Commission in 1930, and

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the data was not even considered or referred to in making their reply to us; in proof of which, we are enclosing to each member of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, a copy of the original data supplied to the Engineers in June 1930.

We hope it will not be too much to expect that each Commissioner, namely, The Honourable J.R. Cooke, The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen and Mr. C. Alfred Maguire will give this their careful perusal and consideration.

No need to hand them to the Engineers as they have had a copy since June 1930.

May we further suggest that before the Engineers' report, and reply is sent to the Niagara Falls Commission, that Mr. Cooke, Mr. Meighen and Mr. Maguire will carefully peruse same to assure themselves that the information sought and asked for is contained in detail in the Engineers' report. This would enable the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to understand both sides of the issue, if a further personal conference is necessary.

The Local Commission would have immediately taken this matter up, on receipt of the letter from Mr. Gaby, which merely contained a copy of the analysis for Niagara Falls 13th power bill for 1930, as sent to each municipality for that year, had we not intended to take this letter up with Mr. Gaby or the Commission at the Bigwin Convention.

The Chairman, of the Local Commission, Mr. Anderson, took this reply up with Mr. Gaby explaining that it was not the information we had requested, and that we expected a detailed reply to each of the 49 exceptions taken to items making our generation costs, as shown in data submitted.

Mr. Gaby admitted that he did not know that there was any

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data at their disposal, but personally assured the Chairman that they would go into the figures carefully and send us a reply to the same.

The Chairman of the Local Commission also spoke to Mr. Rothwell on two different occasions at the Convention and was also assured by him that the matter would be attended to. Mr. Anderson also interviewed Mr. Jeffery at the same time (Bigwin) and he too is thoroughly conversant with the information that Niagara Falls desires, and assured the Chairman that we would receive the information.

The Local Commission, up to the present, has received no reply. Is it any wonder that there should be a growing dissatisfaction among the municipalities as evidenced at the last two conventions, when so little courtesy and such business ethics are used, as has been the experience of Niagara Falls, not only in this matter, but on many previous occasions.

After all, are not the elected Commissioners of the municipalities, the direct representatives of the people whom the Hydro serves, and those people the source of all the Hydro revenue? Are they not entitled to receive from high salaried officials and executives something other than procrastination and evasions?

The Local Commission also request a statement showing how Ottawa's cost of power $12.50 is made up, with a comparative statement of Niagara Falls' cost of $19.00 for untransformed power. We would expect to receive these statements so that we can feel assured of the fair and impartial attitude of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission as regards to cost of power to all municipalities.

The Local Commission at their conference last January, also requested the Commission to sanction a change in the Commercial Rate, namely, that this Commission should allow a 12% prompt payment discount

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instead of the present 10%. This matter should not involve more than a half hour's time of a competent engineer, but they are evidently still struggling with the problem for Niagara Falls has had no reply to this matter up to the present.

In closing, the Local Commission would stress the importance of each member of the Provincial Commission being conversant with all details when an issue is brought before them by a municipality, instead of casually passing it on to the Engineers, who just as casually forget about it, or ignore it, until the next letter or conference.

We trust that this matter will be taken up at once and that Niagara Falls will receive some consideration in their power costs, which have been increasing from $11.50 in 1916 to $19.00 in 1931, for untransformed power and with the load more than doubled during the period.

Other municipalities all over the Province have had large decreases in their cost of power and they have a right to it; but Ottawa at the seat of power, the same as Niagara Falls, gets power at $12.50 per H.P. and has had a low rate since long before 1916.

It is difficult for the Niagara Falls Commission to understand the equity of this, where Gatineau power costs $15.00 in Quebec, and Niagara Falls power is $19.00 plus every year.

The Niagara Falls Hydro Commission expects in answer to this letter to receive the following information.

First - "An itemized reply to the 49 exceptions taken to our generation costs."

Second - "A clear, concise statement showing how Ottawa power cost of $12.50 per H.P. is made up. A similar statement showing how Niagara Falls' cost of $19.00 per H.P. is made up."

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July 21st. 1932.

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Third - "A decision on our request to allow a 12% discount for prompt payment, instead of 10%, as at present on our Commercial Rate".

Yours truly,

HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION OF NIAGARA FALLS.

CHAIRMAN. Chas. W. Anderson

SECRETARY. J. W. Baylis

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July 21st. 1932.

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July 28, 1932.

F. A. Gaby, Esq.,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto.

Dear Sir :

Mr. Meighen has asked me to forward to you the attached copy of letter he has written to the Chairmannof the Hydro Electric Commission of Niagara Falls.

Yours very truly,

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COPY TO MR. GABY

July 28, 1932.

The Chairman,
Hydro Electric Commission of Niagara Falls,
Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Dear Sir :

I received your letter of the 21st on Monday last.

I have since made inquiries with respect to the complaints you have levelled against the Ontario Commission. I learn that the forty-nine questions to which you complain no answer has been made and which consist merely of an inquiry as to the equity of forty-nine different constituents in power costs at Niagara Falls, instead of having been forgotten and ignored by this Commission, were fully answered to the Chairman of your Commission on the occasion of a visit he made for the purpose and answered entirely to his satisfaction. The Chairman was Mr. Kribs. We have, of course, no means of ascertaining as to whether a notation of the explanations given was made by your Chairman to your Commission or left upon your files, but it would occur to me that anything in the way of failure to do so if it occurred would scarcely be ground for a severe upbraiding by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

I also learn that the other matters covered in your later communications have been answered in a letter from our Commission addressed to you on the 9th of June last and that as respects the justification of the charges made to Ottawa as compared with those made to Niagara Falls, this was taken up on a visit of your Commission to the office of our Commission at Toronto in January of this year. I was present on the occasion of this visit myself and remember that a very full explanation was given.

It is my view that the HydrO-Electric Power Commission of Ontario should not only be prepared to answer all inquiries but to answer them more than once if desired. A full reply to your letter is being sent by the Chairman of the Ontario Commission to whom you have written in similar terms to your letter to me of the 21st.

Sincerely yours,

AM:K

Arthur Meighen

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August 9th, 1932.

The Hon. George S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Henry:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of July 28th, in reference to the Ontario Power Service Corporation Limited, and in reply I may say that the Commission at its meeting on August 2nd, 1932, approved of acceding to your request, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Minutes of the said meeting as well as a copy of the advertisement of the Commission in reference to the purchase of the bonds of the Ontario Power Service Corporation Limited.

The Commission will communicate with you further as to the progress made in the purchasing of these bonds, and will be very pleased to have you give consideration to the application for Order-in-Council authorizing the acquisition of the same by the Commission, which application will be submitted in due course.

Yours very truly,

CHAIRMAN.

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July 27th, 1932.

The Niagara Falls Hydro-Electric System,
Niagara Falls,
Ontario.

Att'n Mr. J.W. Bayliss,
Secretary.

Dear Sirs:-

The Commission is much concerned in connection with statements made in your letter of July 21st, that information requested by your Commission in connection with your power cost has not been forwarded. A most careful investigation with regard to the whole matter has been made and we find that complete details of the cost of power to your System for the year 1929 was completed by the Commission's Estimating Department and submitted on March 25th, 1930, a copy of which was handed to your Chairman, Mr. Gordon Kribs.

After Mr. Kribs had an opportunity to study these figures, he visited this office bringing with him a copy of the data which you have enclosed with your letter of July 21st, but which he did not leave with the engineers of the Commission. This data, however, was gone over in detail by Mr. Kribs with the engineers of the Commission spending practically an entire day in the study, and Mr. Kribs at that time stated that he was entirely satisfied as to the figures submitted but did take exception to the manner in which the Commission handled certain minor items of capital included under the heading "System Charges." Mr. Kribs, on this same visit, discussed the question of adjustment of power and lighting rates for your System. These suggestions made by Mr. Kribs at that time were later acted upon and approval of adjustment forwarded to you in our letter of July 21st, 1930.

The matter of handling System Charges covered by the various items which you indicate as the forty-nine exceptions taken to items making up our generating costs is a matter which has been thoroughly gone into by the Commission each year with the auditors appointed by the Government, Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth, Guilfoyle and Nash, and the manner of handling these items was decided upon after very careful consideration in every case.

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July 27th, 1932.

Explanation of the reason for the inclusion of these items has already been given to your representatives on a number of occasions during the past few years and certainly was given in detail to your Chairman, Mr. Gordon Kribs, about the first of April, 1930, on his visit to this office, and there has been no material change in the manner of allocating these items since that date.

The matter of power costs to the Ottawa System was explained to your Commission at the conference held in this office on January 27th, 1932. The following explanation was given at that time, - Some years ago arrangements were made for a supply of power for the Ottawa System, at a rate of approximately $11.00 per H.P. per year for approximately 20,000 H.P. Recently the demands of the local System exceeded this amount and arrangements were made for an additional supply of power from the Gatineau Power Company. This additional power during the past year cost the Ottawa System $22.40 per H.P. per year. The contract for the original power for the Ottawa System up to approximately 20,000 H.P. has still about ten years yet to run.

Mr. Gaby informs me that he made a note of the conversation at Bigwin with Mr. Anderson as to matters which he stated needed further explanation. Upon taking the matter up with the engineers they stated as above that the necessity for including the forty-nine items referred to in the cost of power to all the municipalities on a horsepower basis was fully explained to Mr. Kribs in 1930, and that no change had taken place in the meantime and further that a detailed statement of costs of power had been forwarded on June 9th, 1932, for the year 1931. It was considered that all points discussed at the January conference and referred to by Mr. Anderson had been fully explained to the Niagara Commission with the exception of the analysis of costs to commercial consumers which, along with three hundred other municipalities, was only completed on July 15th. A copy of the memorandum taken at the January 27th conference is attached hereto.

The matter of the annual rate adjustments for all Systems has not as yet been considered by the Commission but it is expected, within the next week or ten days, that these rate adjustments will be approved at which time consideration will be given to a further reduction in the commercial lighting rates of Niagara Falls.

We regret very much indeed that your Commission is of the opinion that there was unwarranted delay in forwarding information requested from time to time. We can assure you, however, that the detail figures of the cost of power for the year 1931 were not available until forwarded to you with our letter of June 9th, and further, the information which you state was requested early in the year 1930 was given in detail, as has already been explained to your former Chairman, Mr. Gordon Kribs, and he expressed himself at that time as being thoroughly satisfied with the explanation given.

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July 27th, 1932.

If you again wish an explanation of the necessity of including the forty-nine items in the cost per horsepower for generated power at Niagara the most satisfactory way would be to arrange for a conference at which time the Commission would be pleased to have the auditors represented. If convenient, we can arrange for an appointment on Wednesday of next week.

Yours very truly,

CHAIRMAN.

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January 28th, 1932.

MR. R. T. JEFFERY- Chief Municipal Engineer

Re: Niagara Falls

A delegation consisting of Mr.Anderson, Chairman of the Niagara Falls Commission, Mr.Scott, Commissioner and Mayor Swayze, together with Mr. J. E. Teckoe, Manager and Mr.J.Bayliss, Secretary, interviewed the Commission at 11.30 A.M. Wednesday, January 27th.

The questions put forward by Mr.Anderson were as follows:

1. Regarding their 13th power bill; in former years this contained items which were apparently chargeable to generation, totalling 89 cents per horsepower per annum, which they were of the opinion should not be included in the cost of power as far as Niagara Falls was concerned. In reply, the Commission stated that the items referred to would be reviewed with the engineers and accountants as well as Messrs.Clarkson, Gordon and Dilworth, in order to ascertain if they should remain.

2. A discussion was entered into with respect to the cost of power in Niagara Falls and the cost of power in Ottawa. It was pointed out by Chairman Anderson that the cost in Niagara Falls went up during the past decade from approximately $11.50 per horsepower to $19.50 per horsepower, whereas in a modified extent, the cost of power to Ottawa went down during that period. It was also pointed out by the Chief Engineer that Ottawa enjoyed a contract from a private company for a specific amount of power, and when that power was used they would be required to pay for all additional at a different rate, and that conditions were not identical in Ottawa with those in Niagara Falls.

3. Niagara Falls requested that a consideration be given to have a 3% cut in their commercial rate for the coming year. They desired to leave the domestic and power as at present but were anxious to have some relief on the commercial. It was promised to the delegation that the situation would be reviewed both with respect to the rate and the items appearing in the cost of power, a letter being forwarded to Niagara Falls covering the situation.

Yours truly,

HDR/B. Assistant Engineer.

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Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc. CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
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July 28th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Bldg.,
347 Bay St.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway Treaty signed at Washington, July 18th, 1932, and a copy of the Canada-Ontario St. Lawrence Agreement made the 11th day of July 1932, between the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Ontario, concerning the development of power in the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence River.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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16 July 1932

CLYDAGH,
HEADFORD,
CO. GALWAY.

My dear Meighan.

I think you got your warning worked
Government has got the world into its
present mess because manhood suff-
-rage has let it go its own careless way.
I hope you are right in thinking that the
present form of democratic government
will perish. It is it a evolution and
I hope evolution will survive -
If by democratic government we mean
the rule of the majority of the Electorate
then it exists only in Italy - In all
British Countries the prime minister
is a dictator who never consults the
people representatives in matters of
any importance or allows his followers
to express their views or vote as
their conscience dictates -
My view is that unless we get control
of the Governors selfpaid per pection

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that democratic government is doomed to expire in 50 years is right. How are we to get control? By restricting the franchise to those who think, who have a love for their country and an interest in its well being. That will never come and so all governments from the township to the federal house will go on until like England they are compelled to throw up the sponge for want of more people to plunder and then it will be too late

Sincerely yours

Geo Lynch Staunton

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August 3, 1932.

Senator Geo. Lynch-Staunton,
Clydagh, Headford,
County Galway,
Ireland.

My dear Senator :

I have your letter of the 16th.

I do not think there is anything that I said at Bigwin that you would take exception to if it were reported verbatim.

Undoubtedly there are fearful handicaps under manhood and womanhood suffrage and perhaps dangers greater than we now have. However, you say it is coming and is not going to be restricted. That being the case, then I think the principles I enunciated at Bigwin are absolutely vital. Government is impossible if individual acts of administration are to be impeded or directly controlled during the term of theGovernment's authority.

Government authority, of course, is subject to parliamentary control. Even under the party system this is more real than one imagines. Our Government's position from day to day is influenced tremendously by the prevailing views of members of parliament and especially of those reckoned as their own followers.

Sincerely yours,

AM:K

Arthur Meighen

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August 5, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

This letter will serve to introduce to you Mr. R. Stuttaford, a Member of the Union Legislature of South Africa, who desires an interview with you in order to secure certain information regarding the operation of the Hydro Commission, etc., chiefly in connection with financial control.

He is one of a selected committee formed for the purpose of investigating, among other matters, the control of the Electricity Supply Commission in South Africa, and wishes to obtain such information regarding the Ontario Commission as you may feel inclined to give.

Any courtesies you may be able to extend to Mr. Stuttaford will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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August 5th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I duly received your communication of August 5th, introducing Mr. R. Stuttaford, a Member of the Union Legislature of South Africa, who visited the offices of the Commission this morning accompanied by Mr. Nichols. I had a lengthy interview with these gentlemen and am pleased to inform you that arrangements are being made for them to visit various points of interest in and around the City and also to make an inspection of the Commission's Leaside Plant, accompanied by one of our engineers.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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IN YOUR REPLY
REFER TO FYLE: CJG.

MONTREAL Aug. 8, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.,
Vice-Pres. & General Counsel,
Canadian General Securities, Limited,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., addressed to Mr. A. J. Nesbitt, who is at present out of the City. Immediately upon his return your letter will be brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

C. J. Gagnier

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317 Cassells St.,
North Bay, Ont.,
August 6, 1932.

Dear Sir:

Since you are on the Hydro Electric Power Commission and I understand that body is about to take over the Power Dam at the Abitibi Canyon, I am taking the liberty of writing you regarding a position at that point.

I presume my name may have passed your recollection but at your last campaign, when I met you here, I did my best and we all tried hard, but as things did not turn out satisfactorily for us then, I expect you may not remember me by now. Even so, the Party knows me pretty well. I may here refer you to our present Member, Chas. Harrison and to the Hon. Chas. McCrea.

I have done some work for the Hydro, such as putting through the line south of Timmins and was in charge of some of that work until its completion, covering about five months in all. The work consigned to me was satisfactory to Mr. A. Tremble, your Construction Engineer. For the last number of months I have been looking after the building of a portion of the Trans-Canada Highway, west of Mattawa, but as no doubt you are aware, this work was suspended in May. I have done a great deal of construction work, railroad work, dredging for the Ontario Government and the building of piers and dams. I tried to get on the Beauharnois work but was unable to get an opening with the present Company.

If the Hydro takes over this project, I would be glad to offer you my services and would do my best to look after the interests of the Company.

Yours very truly,

Cornelius McGuire

CMcG/SM.

Sir Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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August 8, 1932.

Mr. Cornelius McGuire,
317 Cassells St.,
North Bay, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 6th.

The Abitibi Canyon matter will be handled by the Hydro Electric Power Commission as Trustee or Agent for the Government of Ontario.

May I suggest that you write to Mr. F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer, stating your experiencesand what you would like to do as regards Abitibi Canyon work? I will be speaking to him shortly on the subject.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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August 9, 1932.

Mr. F. W. Hobson,
Assistant Superintendent of Agencies,
Imperial Life Assurance Company,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hobson:

While in Niagara Falls yesterday I learned that the office staff of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario are considering some form of Salary savings scheme through their Head Office in Toronto. It is, of course, impossible for us to do anything on it through this end but we wondered if either of the Toronto branches are working on this case, and if not they might see what they could do about it.

Yours very truly,

"J.W.Preston"

Branch Manager.

JWP/GHN

Phone Mr Kellock
Gaby Knows nothing of it

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August 11th, 1932

The Hon. George S. Henry, LL.D.,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the Chairman's letter of the 9th instant to you in reference to the Ontario Power Service Corporation Limited, I enclose herewith the application of the Commission for Order-in-Council authorizing the acquisition of the bonds of the said Corporation.

Yours truly,

Acting Secretary.

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TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO:

Pursuant to the provisions of a letter from the Honourable George S. Henry, Prime Minister of the Province of Ontario, to the Honourable J. R. Cooke, Chairman of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, dated July 28, 1932, a copy of which letter is hereto annexed marked "A", The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario (hereinafter called "the Commission") hereby recommends that the Commission be authorized and empowered under the provisions of subsection (gg) of Section 20(1) of The Power Commission Act, to acquire from time to time, by purchase in the open market or otherwise, securities, to wit, the outstanding bonds of Ontario Service Corporation Limited, a company incorporated for the purpose of developing, distributing and transmitting electric power and energy, such outstanding bonds consisting of bonds of the face value of $20,000,000.00, said bonds to be acquired by exchanging for the same Twenty Year Debentures of the Commission guaranteed by the Province of Ontario, on the basis of $90.00 of such debentures for each $100.00 of said bonds, said debentures to be issued in denominations of $50.00, $100, $500 and $1,000, to be dated October 1, 1932, and mature on October 1, 1952, to be registered as to principal only and to bear interest from the 1st day of October, 1932, half-yearly at the rate of 3½% per annum up to and including the 1st day of October, 1937, at the rate of 4% per annum thereafter up to and including the 1st

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day of October, 1942, and thereafter until maturity at the rate of 5% per annum, and to be payable as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the Dominion of Canada at the principal offices of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, Halifax and Saint John, to be redeemable at the option of the Commission on any interest payment date at par and accrued interest and to be otherwise in such form in all respects as the Commission may decide; said bonds to be issued subject to and in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the offer hereto annexed marked "B"; subject to such changes or variations as to the Commission may seem proper.

AND the Commission hereby further recommends that the Commission be authorized and empowered to issue and publish the said offer hereto annexed marked "B".

DATED at Toronto this 4th day of August, A.D. 1932.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

BY_____
Chairman

BY_____
Secretary

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Office of the Commissioner

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W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

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190 University Avenue,
Toronto

August 11, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Collins, King & Co. Their reasoning seems quite right, that is if we have power to purchase our own bonds, which I presume we have.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

AM/E.
Encl.

Dear Mr. Meighen
I am returning the attached communication. The commission have no funds it could use for such purpose and I doubt whether under the conditions we would have under the authority to purchase our own bonds. Just how far a purchase of O.P.S. Bonds we have no authority. Yours
F. A. Gaby

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Toronto, Ont.

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Confidential

August 9, 1932

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

The holders of at least $18,000,000 par value of Ontario Power Service Corporation Bonds will undoubtedly accept the offer submitted by "The Hydro" - not because the offer was decidedly advantageous - but rather because of an assured continuity of interest even though it is approximately 2% less than primarily bargained for.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario 4¾% Debentures, principal and semi-annual interest payable in Canada only, and maturing January 1, 1970, are currently worth a 5.125% basis. Therefore, the new Debentures to be issued in exchange for the Ontario Power Service Corporation should be worth at least a 5.25% basis, or approximately 86.75. Eighty-six point seven five is equivalent to buying Ontario Power Service Corporation Bonds at 78.00.

It is noted that the Commission reserve the right to purchase (with the new Debentures) all of the deposited Bonds whether or not the holders of 90% shall have accepted the offer. Such being the case, it is a foregone conclusion that the new Debentures will be issued - yet the uncertainty in the minds of some of the holders of Ontario Power Service Bonds, makes the new Debentures available on a 6.30% basis - approximately 75.25, which is equivalent to 68 for the Ontario Power Service Bonds.

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At the moment of writing there are $27,000 par value of Bonds offered on the New York Stock Exchange at 58½ flat, which is equivalent to 67.50 flat, Toronto payment and delivery.

The following are the prices on the Ontario Power Service Corporation Bonds, and their equivalent price and yield on the new "Hydro" Debentures.

Ontario Power Service Bonds	New Hydro Bonds	Yield
68.15	75.72	6.30%
69.10	76.78	6.20
70.05	77.83	6.10
70.98	78.87	6.00
71.91	79.90	5.90
72.85	80.95	5.80
73.33	81.48	5.75
73.82	82.03	5.70
74.30	82.56	5.65
74.55	82.83	5.625
74.79	83.10	5.60
75.28	83.65	5.55
75.79	84.21	5.50
76.29	84.77	5.45
76.80	85.33	5.40
77.05	85.61	5.375
77.31	85.90	5.35
77.82	86.47	5.30
78.35	87.05	5.25

It is possible that at least $1,000,000 Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds could be procured at an average price of 74 at the most which would be equivalent to buying $900,000 of the new Hydro debentures at 82.22 - at which price the yield is 5.67% - and nearly six points lower than they are really worth.

The Government, knowing its intentions in the matter, should afford "The Hydro" the opportunity of substantially increasing the yield on its bond investment account by purchasing Ontario Power Service Corporation Bonds at present levels. To take the delivery of the new Bonds the Commission might have to sell Ontario Bonds

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that they already hold and surely it would be good business to dispose of them on a 5.10 basis to purchase a like security on 6.30% to a 5.65% basis.

To accomplish anything of substantial nature the Government would have to make the necessary funds available to a dealer in order that purchases may be made without arousing suspicion as to the ultimate destination of the Bonds. I humbly suggest that the Canadian General Securities, Limited would admirably fill the bill. Collins, King and Co., Limited would be the actual buyers on the "Street" and certainly nobody would connect us with any Government purchases. ! No

We would be very glad indeed to act as an intermediary and charge $2.50 net per $1,000 Bond purchased. We are presently long $21,000 Ontario Power Service Corporation Bonds which position we shall not increase and which Bonds we intend to turn into the new Bonds.

Should the Government decide to act in the matter, they should do so without delay. Their action might certainly force the Bonds up in price which at the same time, will hasten the deposit of the required amount.

Very sincerely yours,

L. M. Collins

C/M

P.S. I typed this myself.

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317 Cassells St.,
North Bay, Ont.,
August 12, 1932.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 8th. inst., duly received for which I am grateful to you.

I have written to Mr. F. A. Gaby as you suggested but I did not mention any communication with you.

I here repeat that if your Company gives me a chance on any of your work, I will give you good service.

Again thanking you for your prompt attention, I remain

Yours very truly,

Cornelius McGuire

Sir Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

CMcG/SMcG.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Toronto 2, August 18th., 1932.

W. W. Pope, Esq.,
Secretary,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave., TORONTO.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of an Order-in Council approved by The Right Honourable the Administrator of the Government authorizing the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario to purchase in the open market or otherwise, securities, to wit, the outstanding bonds of Ontario Power Service Corporation Limited.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) C.F.Bulmer,
Clerk, Executive Council.

Encl.
CFB/L

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August 15, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
198 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter received from Mr. Edmund M. Sloman of Detroit.

Would you kindly have draft reply prepared for Mr. Meighen's signature.

Yours very truly,

E.
Encl.

Secretary.

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August 26th, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Canadian General Securities, Ltd.
National Bldg.,
Bay St.,
Toronto, Que.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Could you give me any information as to whether the Hydro Commission are looking for a property or office building in London? A couple of times during the last week this has been brought to my attention and if there is any likelihood of them looking for special offices here, I know of something that I think would meet their requirements.

Further to my letter of the 20th and your reply of the 22nd I had a talk with Mr. Moore but he is out of the City this week so on his return, we will give this further consideration, and I hope that we can come to some definite conclusion.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

RL/GP

ALL STONES AND ENGRAVINGS ARE TO REMAIN OUR PROPERTY : GOVERNMENT SALES TAX IN FORCE AT TIME OF SHIPMENT CHARGED EXTRA

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347 Bay Street,
Toronto, August 30, 1932.

Mr. Ray Lawson,
c/o Lawson & Jones, Ltd.,
London, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Referring to yours of 26th , I have made enquiries but am quite sure the Ontario Hydro Commission is not looking for any property or office building in London. If accommodation is being sought there, it would be by the London Commission. I think it is called the London Utilities Commission. It operates all the Hydro business in London.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

ARTHUR MEIGHEN.

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September 6, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Mr. H. H. Stevens, of Port Elgin. Will be glad indeed to have memorandum on this point. Mr. Stevens was in to see me about it and as you know, is a very worthwhile citizen of that town.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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September 7, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
190 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Mr. Ratchford brought the enclosed memorandum in this morning, hoping to discuss the subject matter with you. When he learned that you were at the Hydro, he asked me to send it to you so that you could take it up at the meeting.

Yours very truly,

E.
Encl.

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509 Main Street,
Toronto 13, Ont.,
Sept. 7th. 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
c/o Canadian General Securities, Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

As you so kindly suggested, I am writing you regarding the possibility of obtaining a position with the Ontario Power Commission at the Abitibi Valley.

My education includes Senior Matriculation and an accounting course at Shaw's.

For a period of five years I was employed in the accounting department of Messrs. Housser Wood & co. Ltd. Owing to the unfavorable business conditions, Mr. Housser found it necessary to reduce the staff. I have also had considerable typing and calculating machine experience.

As my father was killed overseas (121st. bat. 2865) I am badly in need of work and would be glad to secure employment of any description, if possible, in the line of my experience.

Physically, I am in good condition, height 6'1", and weigh 170 pounds. Last winter I was attached to the Govt. Survey in the North.

Anything you could do to assist me in securing a position would be greatly appreciated.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

H.R. Sinclair

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347 Bay Street,
September 9, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is copy of letter received from H. R. Sinclair, who would like to receive, if possible, employment in connection with the Abitibi development. He called on me and undoubtedly has good qualifications.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

AM/E.
Encl.

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September 9, 1932

The Rt. Hon., Senator Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir,-

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario 4½% debentures, maturing April 1, 1960, are presently quoted at 93 bid, at which price the yield to maturity is 4.97%.

Therefore, all discount long term "Hydro" obligations payable in Canada only, are worth in the neighbourhood of 4.95 - 5% basis.

The new "Hydro" debentures to be issued in exchange for the bonds of the Ontario Power Service Corporation are then in reality, worth approximately $89.50 per $100 debenture - yet they can be purchased for approximately $78.75 per $100 debenture (a 12% discount from true worth) by purchasing Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds at $70.875 per $100 bond.

It is estimated that $3,000,000 Ontario Power Service Corporation 5½% bonds could be procured for an average price of $76.00 per $100 bond, which is the equivalent of buying $2,700,000 "Hydro" debentures at $84.44 per $100 debenture.

The Government of the Province of Ontario, knowing their intention in the matter of converting Ontario Power Service bonds into new "Hydro" bonds, whether or not 90% of the former security is deposited, should take advantage of the present situation.

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Am fairly certain that $3,000,000 of Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds could be procured for an average price of 76.00 in which event the Government of Ontario can make a profit of $135,000 without taking any liability at all.

The Government could make the profit available to the "Hydro" by selling to the latter body the new "Hydro" debentures at cost. Possibly the Hydro would have to sell something in order to pay for same, but surely it would be good business to dispose of Province of Ontario securities on a 5% basis in order to procure the same security on a 5.50% basis minimum.

Without setting a maximum to procure, any bonds purchased now would show a very handsome profit.

Yours faithfully,

L. M. Coleman

C/M

O.P.S. market at time of writing 69¼ - 70.

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Law Department

City of Winnipeg
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J. Proudhomme, K.C.,
CITY SOLICITOR
R. W. Wydeman,
G. F. D. Bond,
R. Tidmus,
ASSISTANT SOLICITORS

REFER TO FILE NO. 14585

September 10th. 1932.

The Right Honourable Senator Arthur Meighen, K. C.,
Ontario Hydro Commission,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Senator,

I beg to confirm my wire to you of the 6th.instant:-

"Would it be convenient see me Toronto early date in connection with investigation by Hydro Commission of alleged combination by Canadian Manufacturers Electrical Equipment and investigation conducted Ontario Hydro?

and I thank you for your reply received, as follows:-

" Can see you anytime next week. Expect Auditors' report on Electric Equipment Investigation about Wednesday. Suggest you wire date in latter half of week."

I am waiting to hear from the Customs Department at Ottawa with regard to an appointment with the Minister. I would like to suggest a date to meet you, perhaps late next week or early the week after. Would Monday, the 19th. of September, suit you?

Yours truly,

J. Proudhomme
City Solicitor.

JP/IHW.

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129857 Hydro

347 Bay Street,
September 13, 1932.

J. Preudhomme, Esq., K. C.,
City Solicitor,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Preudhomme:

Yours of 10th received. I expect to be here Monday, the 19th, but I do not expect to be here the latter half of this week. Circumstances recently arising make it necessary for me to be in Winnipeg then. If you are there and an interview then at that point would be sufficient, you may get in touch with me on Friday, c/o Major Harold Aikins.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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J PREUDHOMME CITY SOLICITOR.

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September 15, 1932.
Toronto, Ont.

Mr. J. Preudhomme,
City Solicitor,
Winnipeg, Man.

Mr. Meighen in Winnipeg Friday and Saturday care Traders Finance Back Monday.

E. M. Edmondson.

Chg:
Can. Gen. Securities.

Should have been sent collect or charged to Hydro.

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Hydro

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347 Bay Street,
September 21, 1932.

PERSONAL

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter just received from Mr. E. A. Lowry; also my reply duly signed. Unless you find some new material in Mr. Lowry's letter, which in your opinion would warrant any additional matter in my letter, kindly see that same is mailed.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COMPANY

CONSULTANTS TO LARGE CONSUMERS ON ELECTRICAL POWER COSTS
SPECIALIZING IN PREPARATION OF OVERCHARGE CLAIMS

259 WAVERLEY RD.
TORONTO, CANADA
TELEPHONE GR. 8135

COPY FOR RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, K.C.

September 10th, 1932.

Hon. George S. Henry, Premier,
Parliament Bldgs.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

On several occasions I have written you regarding certain conditions in connection with H.E.P. administration but unfortunately you turned the complaints over to the H.E.P.Commission with the result that; the protested conditions remaining incorrected; an Ontario industry has been forced into liquidation while endeavoring unsuccessfully to secure from Hydro a rebate of amounts paid for power which current was never received. I refer to the Oriental Textiles, Limited, Oshawa, which went into liquidation in March, last, resulting in heavy losses to industry throughout the Province.

I now contend that the failure of that concern was largely due to loss of business through its production costs including an overcharge for power of $17,000.00 erroneously charged by Hydro. I further contend that Hydro was morally and legally responsible inasmuch as the Commission was dere--lict in its duty when it failed to have the meters of the Oriental Textiles properly inspected as required under the Dominion Meter Inspection Act. For a period of one and one-half years the Commission has avoided answering the vital question of the claim which is merely that one specific month's power account be explained. Such a refusal to explain one of its own power bills is sufficiently significant.

My customer having thus been forced out of business I am carrying on the case on my own initiative.

In view of the foregoing I think that you will agree with me that a rather grave situation exists.

The Oriental Textiles case has counterparts in other cities in the province as evideneed by a most deplorable state of affairs in Welland's power administration extending as far back as 1918.

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The Canada Foundries & Forgings, Limited, in that city have a claim against Hydro of $29,000.00 on grounds of being charged for power which was never received and on discrimination in rates. At a conference in Welland, Hydro representatives informed the Canada Foundries' representative and myself that a change of meters in their plants was responsible for the current charges on the meters being doubled from 1925 on, but that the doubling-up was only in correction of a 50% under--registration of current during the period 1922 to 1925. I immediately investigated conditions of the current registration during that period and found that it compared exactly with the existing scale when the meters are now known to be correct and that if the theory of 50% under-registration were to be applied to actual bills received there would not be enough hours in some months to consume the immense volume of current thus indicated. I also discovered that during the period of alleged undercharge that the Canada Foundries had actually received a rebate from Hydro of $8,000.00 on the grounds of overcharge and rectification of rates.

The Hydro representatives claimed that instead of the Canada Foundries having a claim of $29,000.00, that Hydro had an undercharge claim against that company of $11,000.00. They admitted, under my questioning, at the meeting that they had never written the Canada Foundries about it whatever but were under the impression that "It was mentioned to someone in the plant." Such an amazingly casual manner to thus dispose of $11,000.00 of other consumers' money lost much of its sincerity upon my discovery of actual conditions. On Hydro's own admission it is a case that either Hydro has a claim against the Canada Foundries or that company has a claim against Hydro. Since informing Hydro of my findings existing, during the period of alleged undercharge, we have for seven months been endeavoring to have Hydro Engineers refer to their claim in writing but they shun the slightest mention of it.

Is the above state of affairs not an alarming one from the viewpoint of consumers whose vision of Hydro stability rests primarily on a foundation of sincerity of Hydro toward consumers?

The cases mentioned are by no means isolated conditions which can be explained. The fact is that Hydro has in effect a double-standard of peak-load measurement which causes a consumer in a given plant to pay for power at the rate of 125 to 175 horsepower for exactly the same quantity as would be measured out to his competitor in another municipality as

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259 WAVERLEY RD.
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but 100 horsepower. Hydro's failure to reveal this double-standard of power measurement has resulted in all its published lists of comparative rates being misrepresentations of actual rate conditions throughout the various municipalities. It has favoured one municipality to the detriment of another without the disparity being revealed.

At the present time I have - in addition to the claims in question - 16 other claims totalling $225,000.00 and more coming along. These claims are being with-held in view of Hydro's attitude toward claims already presented. These latter claims will eventually have to be either dealt with fairly by Hydro or by your Government and probably so in the immediate future.

I also wish to inform you that I have - on my own initiative - prepared an interesting analysis of the power rates of the Toronto Transportation Commission covering the past 10 years and can show that the difference between private-ownership street railway power costs in other cities, and private-ownership industrial power contracts still being operated in this province under Hydro, represents Toronto citizens as paying about $600,000.00 per annum of excess rates for street railway power. In view of the large reserve funds claimed by Hydro it would appear that the citizens of this city are entitled to a very substantial rebate and the present would be the logical time for it to be given. On the other hand, if the Toronto rates are correct as to amount, then the private-ownership power contracts still being operated by Hydro in the Niagara peninsula are at a loss so that Toronto consumers must be paying a portion of those losses. There is no question as to the disparity as shown by the data on private-ownership contracts, held by me, as compared with Toronto Railway rates after making full allowance for added transmission, conversion etcetera.

You will undoubtedly agree with me that the foregoing should be investigated but what I shall be glad to learn is, what inform--ation and facts do you require which will prompt you to authorize a public investigation into Hydro's participation in bringing financial ruin to an Ontario industry as evidenced by the Oriental Textiles case of which you now have extensive information.

Your courtesy in advising me definitely on this point by early mail will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

EAL/2 (Signed) E. A. LOWRY.

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September 21, 1932.

Mr. E. A. Lowry,
259 Waverley Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 10th.

As respects your complaints against the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, of which I am a member, this Commission has stated its position to you in its letter of 13th instant. In this position I have concurred and still concur. You must be assured that I am not taking any line distinct from that of my colleagues.

As respects your reference to a "prospective investigation", this is a matter with the initiation of which we have nothing to do. You may be certain, however, that the Hydro Commission of Ontario is now, as it has always been, prepared for any enquiry which properly constituted authorities may decide tomake into its administration.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Lowry's letter to A.M. sent to Mr. Gaby.
E.M.T.

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Dear Mr Morgan

Do you think any
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Yours
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P.W.GORDON, MANAGER

V.E.GREEN, SALES MANAGER

HAMILTON, ONT.

Sept. 23rd, 1932.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE P.W.G.

Personal.

Mr. John McNeil,
Toronto, Ontario.

Ontario Hydro Commission.

Dear Sir:

On January 1st, 1931 the Dominion Power and Transmission Company which competed with the Hydro Electric both for private and commercial power and which operated the Street Railway and Bus systems in the City of Hamilton and District was sold to the Ontario Hydro Commission.

The Dominion Power was a very good customer of ours and we had a large percentage of their business. Gasoline was purchased in Tank car quantities. We sold to the Ontario Hydro a few cars in 1931 but have sold them nothing since May of that year.

About that time the Commission made an arrangement with the Highway King Bus Lines, of which P.W.Burns of Toronto is the President and Francis Farwell one of the Directors and Manager. By this arrangement the inter-urban lines were sold by the Hydro to this Company and the Hydro Commission entered into an agreement with that Company to service their City Bus Lines.

Since that time, all of the gasoline, which for the two Companies would amount to over three-quarters of a million gallons and which for the Hydro Commission would amount to Four Hundred Thousand gallons has gone to the British-American Oil Company as well as the Motor Oil. We have had the matter up with Mr. McGuire of the Ontario Hydro Commission and Mr. Cooke, the Chairman of the Commission and cannot get anywhere.

Mr. McGuire advised our Toronto Office that Mr. Waller, who is manager here, could buy where he pleased, but Mr. McGuire must have been mis-informed, because this contract is still in effect although it can be cancelled by either party. We have the support of the local Hydro Commission,

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Mr. John McNeil. Sept. 23rd, 1932.

and we are attaching a copy of a letter written by their Chief Engineer.

We have also had this matter up with Mr. Fish.

The Rt. Hon. Sen. Meighan is a member of the Ontario Hydro Commission and we are wondering whether it is possible that we could use any influence in that direction to secure a portion of this publicly owned corporation's business.

Yours very truly,

PWG/AMD.
Enc.

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COPY

August 26th, 1932.

Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Attention Mr. Gaby

Gentlemen:-

I have been approached by Mr. J.H. McGuire, City Sales Manager of the Imperial Oil Company, who has, I believe, interviewed Mr. McGuire of the Commission regarding the supplying of Gasoline to the Hydro Busses in Hamilton.

We do not want to interfere with the operation of the Ontario Commission, but Mr. Ellis and myself think we might confirm what Mr.McGuire says, that they have some three hundred employees with their Head Office for this District located in Hamilton and enjoyed the Gasoline business up to the time the Hydro took over the business. We would consider it a favour if they could at least secure a portion of the business, provided the quality and serviceis satisfactory.

Thanking you for giving this your careful attention,

I beg to remain

Yours truly

HAMILTON HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEM.

EIS:L

Chief Engineer & General Manager

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September 24, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from E. W. Vigar regarding some bond which he signed at Norwich, Ont.

Would you kindly let me have draft of a reply, returning the letter.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. President.

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Norwich Ont

Sept 20/32

Rt Hon arthur Meighen
Hydro Commissioner

Dear Sir

About five years ago, Two other Conservatives and myself signed a Bond to enable Miss Fairchilds to secure a possition as Book keeper in the Rural Hydro Office in this Villag.

Now Sir. I wish to be released from this responsibelity. Not that I mistrust the Young Lady But it is the Personal jelousy and Political Spite work, that the Supt. H. W. Sweazy has shown for my Family,

and while the opportunity presents itself. I would be greatful for a few minutes of your Valuable time. If Possible to explain the facts. in connection with the deal my Son recd at the hands of Mr Sweazy My Son. is a Wounded returned Soldier has a Wife an Overseas Nurse. and Has three Small Children He had about five years with the Rural Hydro here in this place where he was Born. never was away. only when Overseas..

Now this man was Discharged from the Hydro in Oct 1931. without a minutes Notice.

To make it plain that it was a frame up,

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along Early in 1931 Sweazy told people that he had orders from Toronto office to release Mr Fletcher his foreman at that time. But it lingered along until Oct. 1931.
Then one day my son was out on the line overseeing a job with a bunch of Green men. Mr Sweazy. Mr Fletcher. and I think. Mr McKinzie and Mr Smith. the Engineers over this District. decided to Discharge. C.W. Vigor put Fletcher in (his) place. Then implay a Foreman from Dutton. Mr Hepburns Riding I believe.

Now Sir, as a result of this. an appointment was aranged By Mr Jas Pullin Through Attorney Genl Price, with Hon. J.R. Cooke along in Nov 1934
Mr Pullin. Mr Hollier Myself & Son met Mr Cooke in His Toronto office
The facts of the case were given. and Mr Cooke Promised to look into the case.
But close to one year has elapsed. and no word rec from any person. regarding the interview
Mr Selvester Robbins of this Town. Spent his christmas Holidays with his Son who is implayed By the Provl Goverment and lives in Toronto. and Promised while there he would look after the case. But the Day he returned.

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his wife was Seen Drive into Sweaggys Fathers Place. and (he Mr Robins) has never been into ~~of~~ my Place of Business Since. Rather looks like a case of Double Cross.

But Mr Robbins. I thought would do what was right By a Returned man. that enlisted and ~~D~~ Faught for his Country when only 18 years old. We only asked for fair treatment and ~~as~~ no undue favors.

I have a letter in my Possession Signed By Mr Gaby, Per, Mr Wilson

Stating the only Sympathy they had in the matter was for his Wife and three Small Children an Insult to any person. (and gives no reason why)

~~He~~ was the only Conservative and only Returned man in the employ of the Hydro in this Place Plain to See that we have two Liberal Members in South Oxford. and I think it would be to the intrest of the Conservatives party, if they would investigate not only this Case but Pensions and who (the) receives large pensions.

There is one thing in the Conservatives favor that is They never can be accused for Practicing Political Patronage in Norwich. The other side of the house Takes care of all that line of goods.

If it had not been for just Such work as this the Hon Donald Sutherland would be Member for South Oxford To Day

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A few days after Sweazy pulled off this dirt
He gave his son a relomend to go to Aylmer
to work on the Hydro. Now if he had been so
unworthy why did he wish him on some other
Superintendant,
no Sweazy knew he was worthy of permotion
But (his) selousy would not let him get a formanship
in this Town, So framed up a Scheem to Discharge
him, and retained the Services of Fletcher who
was under Sweazy for years. But was not capable
of Handling a formans Position. a good
relomend for Sweazy.
But the Boycot will not work as Mr Sweazy
thought, I am over Sixty (1 year old) and I have helped
finance my son and family since he lost
his job, and I will continue to do so. Sooner than
let him be driven out of his home Town by a
man of Sweazys Calaber,
The Goverment has done a pile of investigating for
Mr Hepburn. perhaps they would investigate
the Mistake that was made the early part of 1932,
when a Public utility line was tapped to a Rural
Primary. an error that endangered the lives
of The Public Utility Supt and helper
the Mistake was mad in Mr Sweazy District
But this is covered up. and the utility patrons pays
for the Mistake
there was a construction Gang working here on the
Rural line at the time
and I happen to know the one that

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righted the Mistake, as I happined to See them when they went to change it. it was on a Sunday and Sweazy was there with the rest.

The Hon Donald Sutherland as good a Man as ever Sat in Parliment; was defeated I think by only 45. or 50 votes in the whole Riding,

But Norwich Village gave a majority against him of 103 votes where at one time (he) Sutherland used to have a Small majority. Plain to be Seen what is going on So now, Dear Sir if you will See to it, and have me releaved of the obligation as Bondsman for the Lady, Miss Fairchilds. hoping it will not throw any reflection as to her ability or Honesty. But just the reasons I have Stated before in this letter.

If I was able to condense and write a letter as I Should. I could explain a lot more and make it ~~[illegible]~~ more plain.

But I ask you to forgive me for taking up So much of your Valuable time

I Remain

Yours Truly

Wm C Vigor

Barber

Box 412

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Rt Hon Arthur Meighen. 129875

Hon. Sir:- I am a returned man. with a wife and three small children. was wounded through the left knee and right shin and forced to wear a large support for my knee. but am willing to work. I get a small pension. but not sufficient to keep my family. and it is not fair that my father should be obliged to help me. and I can assure you I would much sooner work for what I get.

Mr Sweezey had little to do to discharge me for a personal debt of two dollars and fifty cents that was none of his affair.

I was handling a gang of green men. and learned that my time was almost up for work. but no word of this from Mr Sweezey until the night before. I think at least I should have had some notice, and given me a chance

Mr Sweezey gave me a recommend to work on the Hydro in Aylmer. If my dismissal was for any thing so very bad you would hardly think he would recommend me to some other Supt.

Trusting I can get a little fair play in this grit ridden riding. I beg to remain

Yours very truly

E. W. Vigar

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September 30th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am enclosing herewith suggested reply to Mr. Vigar's letter of September 20th, which is returned herewith. I find on investigation that this system is now operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission as the Norwich Rural Power District. at present

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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MR. R. T. JEFFERY - Chief Municipal Engineer

Re: FACTS REGARDING DISMISSAL OF E. W. VIGAR
NORWICH R.P.D., N10 D1

THIS LETTER PROPERLY INITIALED AND O.K. FILE No. PASSED BY

This man was employed after returning from overseas service as the Post Master at Norwich. In this position he got into some trouble and was either dismissed or in some way lost his job.

Knowing something about line work, he was employed as a temporary man with the Norwich Public Utilities Commission, who were operating the Norwich R.P.D. on our behalf.

Not knowing the reason for his trouble with the Postal authorities, when we took over the operation of the Norwich R.P.D. we gave him temporary work starting October, 1928. During the remainder of 1928 and January and a few days in February, the district had a number of short extensions and added services which enabled us to give him some employment. He got two weeks in April, 1929 and in the early part of May was given employment in the Dutton R.P.D. returning to Norwich sometime in June.

Although we never considered him as anything but a temporary man, we were able to give him fairly steady employment from then until this year. We have realized for sometime that neither of the men employed under Mr. Sweazey would make a capable foreman nor could we expect them to take the Superintendent's place in case of necessity. For this reason we moved Geo. Tolman, a permanent employee, from the Dutton R.P.D. This shift would have

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necessitated the laying off of Mr. Vigar. We were just following the principle of retaining in our service the most efficient men for our work.

This man has been more or less a source of worry to our Superintendent for some time past, owing to the fact that from time to time his creditors have been bothering the Superintendent in regard to unpaid bills. Although we had in mind letting him go, the matter came to a head a week or two earlier, because on a trip to Otterville the Chairman of Otterville Hydro-Electric System, who runs a garage, informed our Superintendent about a man by the name of Vigar of Norwich who owed him for some gas. As Vigar was with Sweazey, the latter brough him in to the garage to see the man. Vigar maintained that he had sent the money down with some young chap in Norwich. Sweazey interviewed the chap who maintained that Vigar never gave him a cent in his life, and as a matter of fact owed him money for sawing wood. Later Vigar brought this young chap to Sweazey's office and got him to say that he forgot, but that Vigar had given him the money and that he thought it was to pay for the sawing of the wood. Sweazey felt that if Vigar would go to the extent of having a young chap perjure himself that he was not a fit person to have in our employ, and told him he was through right then.

After his dismissal Vigar wrote a couple of letters to our Engineers and suggested that possibly we could find work in some other district for him. Knowing the facts of the case, our Engineers wrote him saying that we had every confidence in our Superintendent doing the fair and just thing by him, and in the

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light of the past and present happenings we have no reason to change our opinion. We pointed out to him that we did not feel obligated to find him work, but on account of his wife and three small children we would make arrangements for him to go to Aylmer where we were building approximately 12 miles of line and asked him to report there November 2nd. Under date of October 31st he wrote saying that he would have to decline this offer of work due to the condition of his finances.

There should be no criticism from the people in the vicinity of Norwich in us bringing in a foreman from the Dutton R.P.D. as we have quite a number of good capable men from this district as Superintendents in other Districts, namely:

R. E. Hughes, Supt. London R.P.D.

O. G. Simmons, Supt. Tillsonburg R.P.D.

H. R. Vigar, Supt. Woodstock R.P.D.

K. J. Lampman, Supt. Exeter R.P.D.

Fred Pitman, Sub-Supt. Wallaceburg R.P.D.

Yours truly,

R. M. McKenzie

RMM/GC

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

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OCTOBER 19, 1932

Mr. Wm. C. Vigar,
Box 412,
NORWICH - Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10th, there appears to be nothing further to add in connection with the matter in question, other than as stated in my letter to you of September 29th.

I regret very much indeed that you consider an injustice has been done in connection with your son, but am advised this matter received very careful consideration by the engineers of the Commission before changes were made in connection with the employees of the Aylmer Rural Power District.

Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER

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Stratford, Sept. 26. 1932.

Hydro

Rt. Hon. Senator Meighen, P.C.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Senator Meighen:

On the afternoon of Monday May 16th., at the Union Station, I enjoyed the privilege of a short interview with you; and submitted for your consideration two letters of reference: one from Mr. C. E. Richardson, M. L. A., the other from Mr. John Murray, President of the Conserbative association of Stratford.

For some considerable time I have been anxious to serve your Honourable Body, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, in some permanent capacity; and have discussed the situation more than once with Hon. Mr. Cooke the Chairman. In our last conversation, Mr. Cooke intimated that I might mention the matter to you; and accoldingly I procured and presented to you the testimonials of Messrs. Richardson and Murray.

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Commissioner Maguire also knows of my wish to obtain some permanent position with your Commission; and a letter has been sent to him in my behalf.

I shall be most thankfull if you can take this matter up with the other members of the Commission at your convenience. Mr. Cooke knows and can explain the whole history and every aspect of the situation, and he also has received some letters recommending me to the favour of your Commission.

Yours most respectfully,

R. R. Glenn.

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September 30, 1932.

Mr. R. R. Glenn,
Stratford, Ont.

Dear Mr. Glenn:

I duly received your letter of 26th. I had discussed the matter of our interview already, in fact, shortly after I saw you. As, however, Hydro has been contracting rather than expanding its organization, it has not been found possible as yet to meet your request. I am going to see the Chairman about it again early next week.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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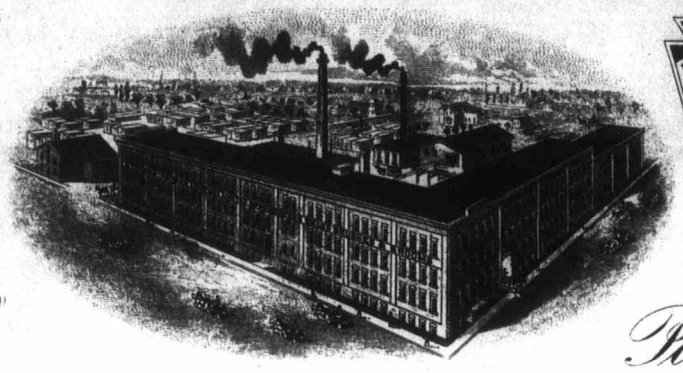

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Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada. Sept. 3rd, 1932.

Right Honorable Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Dear Sir:

Referring to conversation while in your office some days ago, I am, as suggested, writing you with reference to the lighting of Port Elgin beach. As explained to you, I have no official position but am interested as a citizen and one who is paying for close to half the power delivered to Port Elgin.

Many years ago, unfortunately, Port Elgin was laid out in the form of a cross and consequently the village has only a narrow frontage on the lake with the result that the great majority of the cottages are in the township of Saugeen. The citizens of Port Elgin have done all the boosting to build up the line-up of cottages on the beach and are disappointed in not receiving the benefits accruing from the lighting of these cottages. The rate for these cottages in Saugeen also seems excessive. When Messrs. Robertson and Rowland owned the power plant, after repeated refusals by them to build a line on the beach, I organized the cottage owners and we built a line, arranging with Messrs. Robertson and Rowland to supply the power. Later, as the line of cottages extended further South, they bought the line from us. During the time Robertson and Rowland operated the power plant, a cottage owner having a small cottage using five lights paid $6.50 flat rate for two months or one with ten lights $13.50. Since the power has been supplied by the Hydro Commission, the smallest consumer, if located within the village limits, pays $11.00 service charge plus the current but is made an allowance of $1.25 per month for the period used. If, however, he is unfortunate enough to be located outside the village limits, he pays $18.00 plus the consumption of current without any allowance. If he uses an electric range requiring three wires, he pays $27.00 plus consumption of current.

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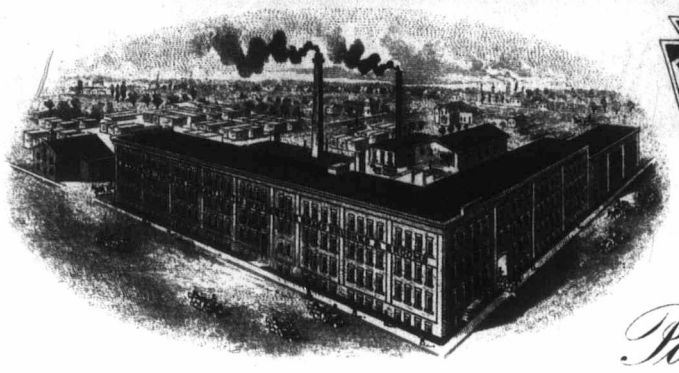

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Southampton, five miles North of us with a town plot laid out differently, has nearly all their cottages located within the town limits with the result that cottage owners or renters quite as far from the source of supply, do not pay much over half the amount that most of our summer people do for their lights.

It is true that Port Elgin receives a credit for the power used by the Saugeen cottages but this, at the power rate, is comparatively small and I maintain that Port Elgin should receive the profit from this line, which I believe would help to reduce our rate. I understand that some time ago the Saugeen Township council passed a resolution agreeing to Port Elgin supplying the beach lighting and the Reeve of Saugeen assures me that Saugeen is making nothing out of this lighting of cottages. The natural conclusion, therefore, is that any profit from this line accrues to the general funds of the Hydro Electric Commission.

I would also like to point out that Mr. Calder, who is located in Southampton, five miles North of Port Elgin, is in charge of the system of lighting South of Port Elgin, while the man in charge of Port Elgin plant is five miles nearer.

It has been pointed out to me by officers of the Hydro Commission that it is contrary to Hydro rules to supply light or power to residences in one municipality from the plant of another municipality but I learn that there are several residences located in the township of

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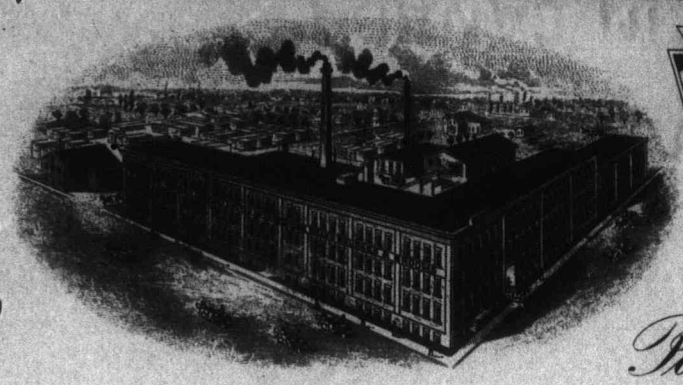

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Right Honorable Arthur Meighen

Saugeen now being supplied with lights from Port Elgin and one of these has been connected within the past three months, with the approval of the Hydro officers.

The question in my mind is, whether Port Elgin is not more entitled to any profits from the lighting of this beach than the users of Hydro power throughout the province and if it is possible to light some residences in Saugeen Township from the Port Elgin plant, why not go a little further and light what is known as Port Elgin beach.

Any consideration which can be given will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

H H Stevens

HHS:BH
A.M.

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347 Bay Street,
October 7, 1932.

H. H. Stevens, Esq.,
Port Elgin, Ont.

Dear Mr. Stevens:

Referring to your letter of 3rd September, it has taken me some time to get this matter looked into, and I am sorry to be so long in replying.

Speaking as to general policy - it is the endeavour of the Commission as widely as possible to distribute electrical energy in rural power districts, and such power and light is delivered to the residences of that particular district at cost. At times there may be a surplus, but this remains to the credit of the particular district and is either distributed by a reduction in rates or rebates to the municipalities, as the Commission deems in the best interests of the undertaking.

The Commission has made it a rule that when a rural power district is established all consumers within that district shall be served as a part thereof.

The history of the situation as reported to me by the engineers is as follows:

"When the Foshay interests were acquired it was found that service was being given to a number of consumers adjacent to the various municipalities and along the route of the 11,000-volt tie line between Walkerton and Southampton generating stations. A number of summer cottages were also being served at Sauble Beach from the 11,000-volt tie line between Southampton and Sauble Falls generating stations.

"When the local distribution systems were acquired by the various municipalities the Commission arranged to operate those consumers receiving service outside the corporation limits as consumers in Bruce and Sauble Rural Power Districts.

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"The cottages at the Beach around Southampton are located inside the corporation limits and are accordingly being billed as set out in Clause 15 of the Standard Interpretation of Rates.

"The Municipality of Port Elgin has a comparatively short beach frontage but is taking care of service to approximately 45 summer consumers who are also being billed in accordance with Clause 15 of the Standard Interpretations of Rates. Approximately 75 summer consumers located on the beach south of the limits of Port Elgin have executed standard rural contracts and are being served on the standard rural basis. This stretch of beach is known locally as two beaches, Port Elgin Beach and Gobles Beach.

"This procedure was submitted to the Commission and approved under date of March 19, 1931. The Clerk of Port Elgin wrote in enquiring as to whether the municipality could enter into an agreement with the Township of Saugeen to supply electrical energy to consumers in the township. This request was placed before the Commission under date of January 28, 1931, and at its meeting on February 4, 1931, the Board ruled that the request of the municipality could not be granted without discriminating against existing rural consumers, and that rural service adjacent to Port Elgin would have to be handled in a similar manner to all other rural districts throughout the Province.

"Mr. Stevens points out that there were several residences in Saugeen Township now being supplied with lights from Port Elgin, and in this connection it is desired to point out that two or three small residences located across the boundary road were allowed to remain with Port Elgin until such time as the Commission had a rural feeder in their vicinity.

"Mr. Stevens also points out that Mr. Calder, Superintendent of Southampton is looking after the work in the Bruce R. P. D. adjacent to Port Elgin rather than their local Superintendent, and in this connection I beg to point out that Mr. Calder was formerly employed by the Foshay interests and previous to that by Messrs. Rowland and Robertson in operating both Port Elgin and Southampton as well as any rural consumers in the vicinity.

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"In addition to being familiar with the existing layout, Mr. Calder is a very competent workman, being far superior to the local man in Port Elgin, who was selected by the local officials without consulting us as to the man's qualifications.

"Mr. Stevens has discussed this matter with the engineers on several occasions."

With much, of the above, of course, I am not and can not be familiar personally, but it would seem to me that the principle enunciated in the second paragraph of this letter pretty well answers the whole contention, inasmuch as there is no profit and could not be any advantage to Port Elgin from a profit standpoint, in taking over the district or part of it.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

COMMISSIONER.

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
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347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re: Summer Cottage Service in Vicinity of Port Elgin.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to your communication of September 6th, with accompanying letter from Mr. H. H. Stevens of Port Elgin in regard to summer cottage service in the vicinity of that municipality; I now have a report from the Engineering Department dealing with this situation.

Speaking as to general policy - it is the endeavour of the Commission to as widely as possible distribute electrical energy in rural power districts, and such power and light is delivered to the residences of that particular district at cost. At times there may be a surplus, but this remains to the credit of the particular district and is either distributed by a reduction in rates or rebates to the municipalities, as the Commission deems in the best interests of the undertaking.

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October 6th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

As you know the Commission has made it a ruling that when a rural power district is established all consumers within that district shall be served from the same.

The following will give you a general history of the situation, as reported on by the engineers:-

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This procedure was submitted to the Commission and approved under date of March 19th, 1931. The Clerk of Port Elgin wrote in enquiring as to whether the municipality could enter into an agreement with the Township of Saugeen to supply electrical

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

energy to consumers in the township. This request was placed before the Commission under date of January 28th, 1931, and at its meeting on February 4th, 1931, the Board ruled that the request of the municipality could not be granted without discriminating against existing rural consumers, and that rural service adjacent to Port Elgin would have to be handled in a similar manner to all other rural districts throughout the Province.

Mr. Stevens points out that there were several residences in Saugeen Township now being supplied with lights from Port Elgin, and in this connection it is desired to point out that two or three small residences located across the boundary road were allowed to remain with Port Elgin until such time as the Commission had a rural feeder in their vicinity.

Mr. Stevens also points out that Mr. Calder, Superintendent of Southampton is looking after the work in the Bruce R.P.D. adjacent to Port Elgin rather than their local Superintendent, and in this connection I beg to point out that Mr. Calder was formerly employed by the Foshay interests and previous to that by Messrs. Rowland and Robertson in operating both Port Elgin and Southampton as well as any rural consumers in the vicinity.

In addition to being familiar with the existing layout, Mr. Calder is a very competent workman, being far superior to the local man in Port Elgin, who was selected by the local officials without consulting us as to the man's qualifications.

Mr. Stevens has discussed this matter with the engineers on several occasions".

I am returning herewith Mr. Stevens' letter of September 3rd above referred to and trust the information herein contained will be of use to you in the preparation of a reply thereto.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Gaby

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Oct. 5, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Investment Trusts Ltd.,
Room #400,
National Bldg.,
TORONTO.

Honoured Sir:

We have been given to understand that the design which we have submitted to the Ontario Hydro Commission for the 1933 calendar has been considered favourably and that our price is in line.

We would appreciate, very much, the privilege of producing this work and, if you can see your way clear to use your good offices on our behalf, it would be gratifying indeed.

Yours very truly,

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October 7, 1932.

Mr. George Brigden,
President,
Brigden's Ltd.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Brigden:

I have your letter of 5th. Have noted what you say and will endeavour to see that special care is taken in the disposition of the subject matter covered by your communication.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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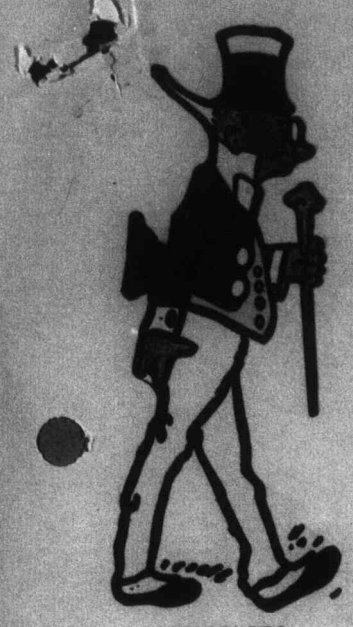

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October 5, 1932.

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, Ontario

Honorable Sir:-

In reference to my letter to you of September 29th, I find I omitted to attach a copy of letter of December 28,1931, written by your Legal Department to the Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, Ayr, as mentioned in my letter.

I now enclose a copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bird

G.B/M.
Enc.

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December 28th,1931.

W.G.HANNA.

Mr. Henry Griffin,
Chairman,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
AYR, Ontario

Re: Ayr H.E.P.C.
Re: James Little

Dear Sir:-

Since letter to you of the 16th of December further information has been received. When the first letter of the 8th of December was written I understood that Mr.Little has been elected by acclamation and there was no real question at issue. Since then it appears that there is a serious dispute in regard to this matter. In these circumstances it is my duty to point out to you the policy of the Commission, namely, when the position is subject to dispute an employee of this Commission should not take part in local municipal affairs.

Yours truly,

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

WGH/HC.

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347 Bay Street,
October 8, 1932.

I. B. Lucas, Esq.,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Lucas:

Enclosed is further letter from Mr. Bird. Hope to receive memo from you shortly, returning letter.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Legal Department

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Toronto, 2

October 12th, 1932

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto 2.

Dear Mr. Meighen: Re: James Little and George Bird and Village of Ayr.

I return herewith Mr. Bird's letter to you of the 6th instant enclosed in your letter to me of the 8th instant.

I also enclose memorandum from Mr. Hanna of the Legal Department to myself, and attached thereto is copy of correspondence in December 1931 in reference to Little's appointment.

You will observe that Mr. Hanna reaches the conclusion that Little is not disqualified as a member of the local commission by reason of his employment by the Ontario Commission.

I think the enclosures will give you the material you will require to reply to Mr. Bird's letter.

Yours truly,

I. B. Lucas

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OCTOBER 19, 1932

Mr. George Bird,
c/o Hecker-H-O Company of Canada Limited,
AYR - Ontario.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 6th, I beg to advise that the Legal Department of the Commission has advised me that Mr. Little's employment by this Commission in connection with the operation of the Ayr substation is not in any way contrary to the provisions of the Municipal or Hydro Acts. Mr. Little's work is apparently satisfactory to the employees of this Commission, as far as the operation of the Ayr substation is concerned.

You will understand, therefore, there is no ground for this Commission interfering with Mr. Little insofar as his position as Hydro Commissioner in the Municipality of Ayr is concerned. The Legal Department of

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October 19, 1932

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Mr. George Bird,
c/o Hecker-H-O Company of Canada Ltd.,
AYR - Ontario

the Commission advise that there is no illegality, as far as we have been able to learn, in connection with his position as being one of the Members of the Hydro-Electric Commission of the Municipality of Ayr, and whether or not he remains a Member of that Commission is entirely in the hands of the citizens of your Municipality, and, no doubt, will be properly taken care of at the time of your Municipal elections.

Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ELECTRICAL, WATERWORKS,
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPTS.

E. V. BUCHANAN
GENERAL MANAGER

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

CITY OF LONDON
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GEORGE HAYMAN, MAYOR

Oct. 7th.1932

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,P.C.,K.C.,
Commissioner-Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed to send you the enclosed correspondence on the matter of rental of domestic water heaters regarding which Mr.T.W.McFarland spoke to you sometime ago.

Yours truly

E. V. Buchanan

General Manager

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October 7th.1932

Hon.J.R.Cooke,M.L.A.,
Chairman: Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by the Commission to write you with regard to a resolution passed by the Public Utilities Commission of London at its meeting yesterday approving of the Manager's suggestion that a scheme be adopted for the rental of water heaters to domestic consumers. This resolution was moved by Mr.T.W. McFarland, seconded by Mr.J.C.Doidge, and carried unanimously.

I am also instructed to enclose with this letter a copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the writer and the Municipal Department of the Commission during the past six months.

The Public Utilities Commission trusts that some action will be taken on this matter immediately.

Yours truly

E.V. BUCHANAN
General Manager

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June 6th.1932

Mr.R.T.Jeffery,
c/o Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Sir:

As it is so important these days to build our load would the Hydro-Electric Power Commission have any objections to local Commissions renting water heaters similar to the scheme set forth in the "Winnipeg Hydro News", a copy of which we enclose herewith.

We believe, however, that a rental of 20¢ a month should be charged, which would give us 8% return on our investment.

The scheme suggested also encourages the use of electric ranges as the offer is only made to users of electric ranges.

Yours truly

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

E. V. BUCHANAN

General Manager

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HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

Toronto - Ont.

June 10th.1932

London Public Utilities Commission,
London, Ontario.

Dear Sirs: Att'n of Mr.E.V.Buchanan: Gen.Mgr.

We are in receipt of your letter of June 6th. in connection with scheme for renting water heaters as set forth in a copy of the Winnipeg Hydro News which you enclosed. Consideration will be given to your suggestion and a further reply forwarded to you as early as possible.

Yours truly

F.A.GABY
Chief Engineer

per R.T.Jeffery

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July 11th.1932

Mr.R.T.Jeffery,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Sir:

We wrote you on June 6th. regarding the question of adopting a scheme similar to that of Winnipeg in the renting of water heaters. Can you tell us what decision you have come to in this regard?

Yours truly

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

E.V. BUCHANAN
General Manager

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July 19th.1932

Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto,
Ont.

Attention of Mr.R.T.Jeffery

Gentlemen:

I am anxious that some action should be taken soon on the question of rental of water heaters. Business is in the doldrums and load is being lost daily. An agressive campaign of this kind could easily place water heaters in 25% to 33% of wired homes, and the load so acquired would absorb a big proportion of the Beauharnois contract.

There has always appeared a strong objection in this country to the rental of appliances by the utilities. The only reasonable objections are that the rental is made nominal so that the scheme has to be subsidized from the sale of current, and that the types of apparatus proposed to be rented are ones which involve a high initial or installation cost as well as a heavy maintenance cost. As the water heater does not come in the two latter categories, and as the rental to pay all costs would be small, it appears to be an ideal appliance to rent especially as it consumes the largest amount of current per K.W. installed, as well as being capable of operation off-peak.

I was disgusted with the meeting of the O.M.E.A. at Bigwin Inn where there was nothing but bickering and recriminations among the Commissioners when the time would have been much better spent, as it was in the A.M.E.U. sessions, discussing means of selling the power purchased.

Please take this matter up with Mr.Gaby and the Commissioners at once and let's get started on a real load building campaign.

Yours truly

E. V. BUCHANAN

General Manager

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HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

Toronto - Ontario.

July 23rd.1932

The London Public Utilities Commission,
London, Ontario.

Dear Sirs: Att'n Mr.E.V.Buchanan. Gen.Mgr.

This is in reply to your letter of July 19th. making suggestions regarding water heaters. We have been studying this situation for the past few weeks and will write you further in connection with the matter within the course of the next week or ten days.

Mr.R.T.Jeffery is absent on his holidays but will be back shortly.

Yours truly

F.A. GABY
Chief Engineer

per J.J.Jeffery

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Sept. 28th.1932

Mr.R.T.Jeffery,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Mr.Jeffery:

I have been away from my office for five weeks having my appendix removed. During this period nothing seems to have been done about my suggestion regarding the rental of water heaters.
Please let me have an answer.

Yours truly

E. V. BUCHANAN
General Manager

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HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

Toronto - Ontario

October 4th.1932

Mr.E.V.Buchanan,
General Manager,
The Public Utilities Commission,
London, Ontario.

Dear Mr.Buchanan:

In reply to your favour of September 28th. regarding the matter of rental of water heaters, I beg to advise you that this matter has not been forgotten, but, as you know, it involves a matter of policy, which is very far-reaching in an organization like ours. We do not want to branch out on a new road without first reviewing very carefully where it will lead to, in case we may find it necessary to retrace our steps with considerable difficulty.

We appreciate your suggestion in connection with this matter and hope to be in a position to go into the matter with you at an early date and see if we cannot get the matter sifted down to some point where we can decide one way or the other regarding same.

I was very sorry indeed to learn that it was necessary for you to undergo an operation for the removal of your appendix. While we may treat this matter lightly, any abdominal operation is always more or less serious. I am pleased, however, that you are able to be around again and that you have the operation

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Mr.E.V.Buchanan

behind you instead of before you. There are some things one would rather have behind than in front and I think this is one of them.

Yours very truly

R.T.JEFFERY
Chief Municipal Engineer

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HAROLD MAYNE DALY
BARRISTER-AT-LAW

BLACKBURN BUILDING
OTTAWA, CANADA

October 13th
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Private

The Right Honble. Arthur Meighen,
National Bank Building,
Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen;

Pursuant to our conversation today, I beg to remind you that the Hydro are issuing some new bonds, and that the British American Bank Note Company of Ottawa are the only wholly Canadian-owned company in the business of engraving bonds and that they are friendly to us.

If you can do anything for them I will be very grateful.

Yours faithfully,

Harold Daly

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Investment Bankers

Metropolitan Bldg.,
Toronto 2. Oct.13,1932

J.W.Gilmour,Esq.,
Treasurer,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Canada Life Bldg.,
Toronto,Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation of yesterday's date, we would strongly recommend that the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario call all their Toronto Power stock outstanding, amounting to £1,240,283, at the present time and refunding it in Canada with a 4½% bond due May 1st,1941, guaranteed by the Province of Ontario, which would be identical with the present stock outstanding.

To redeem £1,240,283 at 105 would take £1,302,297-3-0, or a par value in dollars at $4.86 2/3 of $6,036,043.92, and, figuring your sterling would cost $3.82 to the pound, it would take $4,974,774.54. It would also cost you interest from the first of November to the first of May, as the stock is callable only on six months' notice. This would amount to $135,810.99. (I am taking this interest at par of exchange for the reason that the interest is payable in Canada at par.) Therefore,the total cost of redemption would be $5,110,585.53.

Sterling today is around $3.78 to $3.79 per pound. If sterling could be covered around these figures, it would mean a saving of another $30,000 or $40,000.

To redeem the above with an issue of 4½% bonds due May 1st.1941, payable in Canada only, at,say, 92½, would require $5,524,957.33 par value. We are taking 92½ as a basis from which to work. It might be possible that the bonds would be worth a little more than this figure. Taking the par value of £1,240,283 at $4.87 to the pound would amount to $6,040,178.21. This is counting on the stock costing you only par. Your saving in principal would be $515,220.88 but, should you have to pay more than par in leaving the stock outstanding, the saving if this deal were consummated at the present time would be considerably greater. You would also have a saving in interest on the $515,220.88 at the rate of 4½% per annum up to May,1939, by which time you stated all the stock would be retired under the sinking fund plan. The present cash value of this interest, compounded half-yearly at 4½% per annum, is $120,681.25, making a total saving of $635,902.13.

From the foregoing, you will see that the Hydro would be reducing their funded indebtedness by over half a million dollars as well as the saving in interest on this amount as long as the stock is outstanding.

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If necessary, you could create a sinking fund on the new bonds but I would suggest that you do not confine yourselves to the purchase of this issue alone for sinking fund purposes, as it puts an artificial premium on the bonds.

We have discussed this matter with the Bank of Montreal and would suggest that the Commission give it their immediate attention as the stock would have to be called on or before the 1st of November and it would involve the Bank's buying, possibly, £1,303,000 of sterling. We should also like to bring the new issue to the market immediately as we are firmly of the opinion that a Dominion loan will be forthcoming very shortly.

We strongly recommend this for your consideration and trust we may be of service.

Yours very truly,

McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. Limited.

Per (sgd) W.E. Young

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

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Toronto

October 14th, 1931.

Mr. A. C. Macdonald,

B R E C H I N ,

Ontario.

Re: Removal of Trees on Account of Construction of Transmission Line to Serve Cottages at Brechin Beach, Lake Simcoe.

Dear Mr. Macdonald:

In further reference to your letter of September 25th, I have had this matter carefully investigated and find that the Commission's Engineers located the transmission line serving Brechin Beach as nearly as possible in the proper location on the side of the road allowance. This road allowance, I am advised, was rather difficult to locate, as all of the stakes setting out the boundaries of the road allowance could not be located, and, as the road itself was not straight, it was very difficult to construct the line in the proper location without, in some places, overhanging the corners of some of the lots or getting the poles too far towards the centre of the road allowance and thereby interfering with the construction of a road at some future time.

I am also advised that this road allowance runs through second growth timber and considerable swamp land and that the removal of trees, which had to be cut down to permit of the line being constructed, benefitted these properties more than they were damaged, and that the value of the trees would be limited entirely to the value of the wood alone, on which basis I understand a settlement has been suggested.

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Mr. A. C. Macdonald October 14th, 1931.

I am further advised that had the line been located on the side of the road allowance furthest from the lake, it would have necessitated the erection of additional poles for each service supplied from the line.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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347 Bay Street,
October 17, 1932.

Mr. E. V. Buchanan,
Public Utilities Commission,
London, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 7th, and thank you for sending me the correspondence regarding the matter of rental of domestic water heaters.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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CHARLES G. COWAN
262 WELLINGTON ST.
OTTAWA

Oct. 18. 1932.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

We got word to-day that the Engraving of the Hydro Bond has been awarded to our Company and we are busy getting the work laid out in order to make the delivery required.

May I express to you, on behalf of my associates and personally our very sincere thanks for your kind assistance. You have our assurance that we will spare no effort to turn out an entirely creditable and satisfactory piece of work.

Yours Sincerely
C. G. Cowan

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate
Ottawa.

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Mr.
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From
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October 18th, 1932.

Mr. C.A. Fleming,
Principal, Northern Business College Ltd.,
Owen Sound, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of October 13th, 1932, addressed to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, has been referred to this department for attention, and in reply beg to advise you that we shall be only too glad to comply with your request, but must ask that you be personally responsible for the use of our lantern slides.

If you will be good enough to let us known the day you wish to deliver your lecture, we shall be pleased to express the slides to you a few days before the same.

Yours truly,

Engineer in Charge of Library.

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OCTOBER 19, 1932

Mr. E.N. Shier,

KIRKTON - Ontario.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 10th, I beg to advise I have before me report from the Engineering Department advising that it is possible to reduce each of your 1-C rural contracts to 1-B class on the payment of $5.00 each for the cost of changing the secondary equipment suitable for the lower class of contract.

In connection with the contract for your Dance Hall and Pavilion, the contract is based on as low a rate as can be approved. The construction of lines in rural power districts requires a certain number of contracts to take care of the capital expended and should your contract be cancelled or

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October 19, 1932

Mr. E.N. Shier,
KIRKTON - Ontario

reduced it means that the other customers supplied from this line must take care of the extra cost. I am further advised this matter was all made clear to you at the time of signing the contract and all information was available to you and fully explained at that time.

Instructions have already been given to make the adjustment in connection with the 2 1-C contracts to a lower class.

Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER

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January 12th, 1932

MR. R. T. JEFFERY - Chief Municipal Engineer

IPPERWASH BEACH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
DANCE HALL AND PAVILION - FOREST R.P.D.

In connection with letter to the Hon. Arthur Meighen from Mr. E. N. Shier, Kirkton, Ontario, dated December 21st 1931, would advise that the Ipperwash Beach Development Company Limited constructed this Dance Hall and Pavilion on the shore of Lake Huron in the Forest Rural Power District, approximately ten miles north-east of the village of Forest, Ontario. We endeavoured on several occasions to find what load was expected in this place, but were unable to obtain an answer from either Mr. Shier of Kirkton or Colonel Ross of Lucan. The Rural Power District Superintendent visited the place during construction on several occasions, but the men on the job were very secretive about their plans. At that time they contemplated building a Hotel in addition to the Pavilion, and finally sleeping lodges were constructed and no lights have as yet been installed in these.

On June 17th or 18th Mr. Smithson met Mr. Shier's representative, along with the Electrician, at the Pavilion, and counted the various lighting outlets and obtained from these men the load that they required. One point that they were very decided upon was that they would have 2 - 75 ampere 110-volt

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electric ranges. An approximate list of the connected load at that time is as follows:

2 - Electric Ranges	16,500 Watts
2 - 1/4 H.P. Ice Cream Coolers 1 - 1/6 H.P. Pump	1,000 "
Flood Light Dance Hall Lighting Refreshment Booths, Lockers and Dressing Room Outline Lighting, upstairs and down	7,500 "
Total -	25,000 Watts

It was thought also that the cabins would be lighted and there would be some lighting of the grounds. A 20-year power contract at the approved rates for the Forest R.P.D., viz. $1.00 - 4.9¢ - 3.3¢ - 0.33¢, was made out, and it was decided that a bond of $250.00 would be necessary to guarantee performance of this contract. The Superintendent of the London R.P.D. took this to Kirkton when he was in that vicinity and had it signed. As arrangements for the bond had not been completed, the Superintendent of the Sarnia R.P.D., who operates this district, visited the Pavilion on or about June 22nd and met both Colonel Ross and Mr. Shier and completed arrangements for the bond. At that time it was explained to these gentlemen that it was very important that we know as exactly as possible the load which they planned to use, but they did not give their exact

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load requirements. They stated at this time that they desired a standard farm contract, and it was explained that the farm contract did not apply to a case like this and was not of nearly large enough capacity. A 3 kw. transformer at this location supplied Mr. J. Ross with one Class 3 contract #1057, and one Class 2A contract #1138. As the transformer had to be changed to supply this load, it was felt that a 15 kw. transformer would not be large enough, and the next size - a 25 kw. - was erected to supply these three services and all other business which was expected to come on in the near future. Service was connected on June 30th 1931, and a 50-ampere, 110/220-volt kw-hr. meter which we had in stock was installed. Later it was decided to install a combined demand energy meter, so this meter was changed on August 19th 1931, and a 100-ampere, 110/220-volt Lincoln E.D. meter was installed.

The consumption in this place has been -

June 30/31 to August 19/31	2,760	Kw-hrs.
Aug. 19/31 to Sept. 30/31	1,020	"
Total Consumption -	3,780	Kw-hrs.

The actual demand as registered on this meter was 12.87 H.P., so the Company were billed on 75% of the contract amount, which is equal to 25 H.P.

The accounts sent them up to the present, and which have not been paid, are as follows:

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July, Aug. & Sept. - Service Charge		- $75.00
150 hrs. use of 18.7 kw. = 2805 kw-hrs. @ 4.9¢		- 137.44
975 kw-hrs. @ 3.3¢		- 32.18
		244.62
Prompt Payment Discount		24.46
		220.16
Service Charge - Oct. & Nov.	$50.00	
Prompt Payment Discount	5.00	45.00
Total Net Bill - -		$265.16

Originally on the line to Ipperwash Beach Guarantee contracts of 35 units each were signed by Messrs. Fraleigh of Forest and Scott of Sarnia, and when this Pavilion contract was signed it was considered for density purposes as 25 units, and as other additional contracts were secured, the original Guarantee contracts were cancelled, with the exception of 12 units. These 12 units are necessary for the line beyond the Pavilion. On the line from Forest D.S. to the Pavilion the density, including the 25 units for the Pavilion, is only just sufficient to carry the line.

Assuming that a service charge of $22.50 per month net is collected from this consumer, the service charge compared with the regular farm contracts is as follows:

	Service Charge Farm Contracts	Service Charge This Power Contract
25 Units	$150.00	$270.00
Per Unit	6.00	10.80

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Also, the five farm contracts would require transformer and secondary equipment equal to $1,080.00, while the transformer and secondary equipment on this service would amount to $535.02. If the service charge on this contract were reduced to the actual demand which has been created, viz. 12.87 H.P., the annual service charge at $11.59 per month would amount to $139.08 per year, compared with the service charge of $150.00 per year from five Class 3 consumers, so this revenue would not be sufficient. However, the contract might be reduced to a basis of 15 H.P., with a service charge of $13.50 per month net, or $162.00 per year, and there would be an advantage in favor of the power contract in secondary cost of $535.02 for the power consumer, compared with $1,080.00 for the five Class 3 consumers.

It would seem, therefore, that the basis of this contract might be reduced to 20 H.P., the service charge on which would not be less than 15 H.P. (75% of 20 H.P.) and still not reduce the revenue on the line lower than would be collected if this contract represented 25 units in a standard Class 3 contract.

Yours truly,

ERL/CH

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

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Referred to..... Required by.....

Mr..... Mr.....

Mr..... In ..... days

Mr..... From.....

Mr..... Date to FB OCTOBER 18, 1932

MR. R.T. JEFFERY - Chief Municipal Engineer

Forest R. P. D. - Ipperwash Beach

In connection with letter addressed to Mr. Meighen from Mr. E.N. Shier under date of October 10th, Mr. Shier has a contract with the Forest Rural Power District for a dance hall and pavilion, with some small overnight cottages. The best rate that could be given Mr. Shier was a power contract for 20 H.P. This was later reduced to the actual demand of 15 H.P., and the minimum payments under this contract are $12.50 a month.

The two additional cottages to which service was given after the line was constructed can be reduced from Class 1-C to Class 1-B and a letter will be forwarded to Mr. Shier advising him that this change may be made at the usual cost of $5.00 each, which partly covers the cost of changing the transformer to a smaller size.

Yours truly,

JJJ/CW

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

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Kemptville
Oct 18/32
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Rt. Hon Mr Meighen
Chairman of Hydro Com.
Toronto Ont

Dear Sir

I am sorry to feel it necessary to appeal to you in this way.
I have appealed to our local board but because there is no choice but to do as they say or do without electric power

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They pay no attention to any requests

I would very much appreciate if you would see everyone got fair play.

Yours very truly
(Mrs) James Todd
Kemptville
Ont

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347 Bay Street, Toronto,
October 19, 1932.

Mrs. James Todd,
Kemptville, Ont.

Dear Madam:

Mr. Meighen has asked me to acknowledge your letter of October 18th. As he does not know what the subject matter is at all, he has suggested that you write to Mr. F. A. Gaby, 190 University Ave., who will be acquainted with the details.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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October 19, 1932.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

I am returning herewith No. 17 of the Agenda of our last meeting, which covers the question of the prepayment of Toronto Power Company Bonds by the Hydro. I have discussed this with Sir Henry Drayton. He is quite positive that British exchange is at present under control of the Committee and that this Committee is able to hold it practically where it desires by virtue of a fund at its disposal for this purpose. He expressed the opinion that they will not consider it in the interests of Great Britain that exchange go, for some time at least, substantially higher than it is at present. On the other hand he does not look for it to go substantially lower.

It is also his view that there will be a stabilization but that this stabilization is not at all likely to be at a figure, in relation to the American dollar, lower than it is to-day. If Sir Henry is right in the above--and I personally think he is--then we can gain by the redemption of these bonds only on the assumption that the ultimate stabilized pound will be somewhat higher than it is to-day. I think it will be somewhat higher. Besides, there is a possibility that it might be much higher. Therefore, I think the wisest course will be for us to redeem the bonds.

It seems to me though there will be no necessity of paying six months interest. If I understand the memoranda enclosed correcently, we have to pay six months' interest or six months' bonus. We could buy the exchange now, utilize this exchange some way in the meantime to get us some interest, and pay off on May first next.

These views are submitted merely for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

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Answered by phone to Mr. Boyd.

J. McMac Donnell
20 Key St E
Re Hydro

~~97, FOREST HILL ROAD~~
TORONTO

Oct. 23.

Dear Senator Meighen:

We are Receivers of Metallic Roofing an old established Toronto Company which is seeking a contract on the Hydro Building. The officers feel that they have an all-Canadian ~~problem w~~ product which should have some

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special consideration

I had intended to ask you to-morrow whether there was anything that we could properly do to press this Canadian product. Unfortunately I have to be in Montreal to-morrow and Tuesday and I am therefore taking the liberty of asking Mr Boyd to communicate with you and ask whether there is anything we can do and in particular whether there is anyone in charge of the breeding operation to whom you could pass us on with your endorsement. Of course if you yourself care to hear about the matter so much the better

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Yours very truly

J. Ker Macdonell

The Right Hon
Senator Meighen KC

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DONALD W. FLEMING

GENERAL INSURANCE

ROOM 5 IMPERIAL BANK BLDG.

WINDSOR, ONT.

INSUROR — MEMBER of the ONTARIO FIRE and CASUALTY INSURANCE AGENTS ASSOCIATION — THE SIGN OF GOOD INSURANCE

Hydro

RECD — NOT ANSD — F.A.H.

October 28, 1932.

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PERSONAL

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P. C., K. C.,
Hydro Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Ave.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

The Municipal Directors of our Street Railway, together with the Essex County Fire & Casualty Agent's Association, and supported by the local members of the Legislature have addressed a request again this year to your Commission asking again that the Liability Insurance on the Street Railway here by placed through a local agent, and unanimously recommending the writer as broker.

I am enclosing a letter which accompanied the Agent's Association resolution to Mr. Pope, your Secretary.

As the insurance comes up on the 31st of October there is very little time left to do anything, but the writer is in a position to furnish the Commission with a policy on Monday morning next, if they accede to the request as made to them. I am in a position this year to save the Commission a fairly substantial amount on the rate for the renewal of this business as you will note in the letter sent to them by the Agent's Association.

Not knowing whether you will be in Toronto over the weekend, or not, I am sending two letters to yourself, one to Ottawa and the other to the Hydro office in Toronto.

I certainly appreciate the help and trouble I put you to last year in this matter, and I would appreciate again if you would take the same interest in helping me get this business. My Father, Mr. O. E. Fleming, has just returned to his office a few weeks ago after his severe illness of last December.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

D W Fleming

DWF/EL.
encl.

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Essex County Fire and Casualty Agents Association

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OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

To assist in the regulation of Fire Insurance in the interests of the Public, the Insurance Companies and the Agents.
To aid in the observance of Dominion and Provincial Statutes relating to Insurance.
To promote the interest of its members in every proper manner.
To prevent unnecessary losses.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

WINDSOR, ONTARIO

Oct. 27th, 1932.

Mr. W. W. Pope,
Secretary,
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:- Re: Public Liability Insurance,
Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Railway

Our Association is unanimous in the belief that the Public Liability insurance on the Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Railway which come up for renewal on October 31st should be handled through an established Windsor agent, and we further believe that the appointed agent should be a member of this Association.

In this we have the unanimous support of the Board of Directors of the Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Railway Company.

The enclosed resolution duly signed by numerous members of the Association and local Members of the Provincial Legislature was passed at a special meeting of this Association held on October 24th, at Windsor, Ont.

This Association is prepared to stand behind any member whom you may select to handle this business, but inasmuch as Mr. D. W. Fleming is more familiar with your requirements than most of the members, and has facilities for handling this business properly, we have selected him as the agent through whom we would like to see this business placed. Mr. Fleming also has spent a good deal of time and his own funds in an effort to have this business placed locally.

Our resolution coincides with a resolution passed unanimously by the Directors of the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway. We are in accord, and only need the sanction of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario to satisfy our desire, that the Public Liability insurance be placed locally and commissions distributed among agents designated by the Directors of the Railway pro rata with the amount of liability

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WINDSOR, ONTARIO

of the various municipalities interested.

We, as taxpayers of the interested municipalities are entitled to this consideration by your Board. It is necessary that we help make up any deficits. If, in turn, there is an opportunity for us to reap a benefit without extra cost to the Railway surely we should be considered.

The rate for this insurance is set by the Liability Department of the Underwriters Association. This rate is based on past experience and all member Companies use the same rate. This rate backed by a very strong Canadian company is available through the designated member of this Association. Also available is a rate which will effect a considerable saving over the Tariff rate as set by the Underwriters Association backed by an equally strong Canadian Company, which is a Tarriff Company except in this particular department.

We are prepared to have a policy delivered to you Monday morning, October 31st, 1932. You understand, of course, that the rates will probably not be set until Saturday morning, Oct. 29th.

Please let us know your wishes regarding this insurance as soon as possible. We expect, of course, that you will wish to follow out the desire of the local Board of Directors.

Yours very truly,

Secretary-Treasurer,

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND CASUALTY AGENTS' ASSOCIATION.

WET:GP

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To promote the interest of its members in every proper manner.

To prevent unnecessary losses.

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WINDSOR, ONTARIO

Norton-Palmer Hotel,
October 24th, 1932.

INASMUCH as we, the undersigned, are all taxpayers of the Municipalities interested in the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway Company;- and

INASMUCH as the usual deficit in running the said Railway must be met by the taxpayers of the interested Municipalities;- and

INASMUCH as the Directors of the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway passed a similar resolution on October 6th, 1932;-

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, That The Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission be asked to place the Public Liability insurance which comes up for renewal on October 31st, 1932, with a recognized insurance agent in one of the interested Municipalities, and that the commissions be allocated pro rata to established insurance agents recommended by the said Company.

(Sgd.)
McCaffrey & Guppy,
By P.J. McCaffrey.
Arthur J. Reaume,
C. A. McAllister,
M. D. MacPhail,
Walker Insurance Agency,
By F. H. Cooper, Mgr.,
George V. Parent Ltd.,
By J.H. Mothersill,
Windsor Insurance Ltd.,
Per. N.J. Taylor,
Atkinson & Mallender,
Per. Horace Atkinson.
W. E. Truesdell,
Hon. Paul Poisson, M.L.A.
W. J. Burns Co. Ltd.,
By W. G. Wells, Pres.,
Gourlay & Clavel.
Per. Jas. Gourlay.
J. J. Donnelly,
D. W. Fleming,
A. E. Thompson,
Langlois & Blonde'
Per. E.J. Langlois.
J. O. Peck & Son Ltd.,
Per. Jno. N. Peck
T. C. Ray Ltd.,
Per. G.R. Jackson.

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October 29, 1932.

Mr. D. W. Fleming,
Imperial Bank Bldg.,
Windsor, Ont.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I have your letter of 28th. This matter will, I presume, be up at an early meeting of the Board, and the representations you have made will have every consideration.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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November 3rd, 1932.

Secretary-Treasurer,
Essex County Fire and Casualty Agents Association,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ult. suggesting that the Public Liability insurance on the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway should be handled through an established Windsor agent and that the appointed agent should be a member of your Association.

As you know, this insurance has been placed for some years through A. E. Wilson & Company Limited, who have a well equipped office in Windsor and the staff who do the actual servicing of the risk are permanent residents of Windsor.

It would be quite impossible and impracticable to do as suggested and give the policy to a large number of agents. We are sure that this is not done in the case of any other railway in Canada.

As the result of the activities of certain agents who demanded a re-rating of this Public Liability policy about a year ago, the rate was very substantially increased, but we have been able to again secure a very substantial reduction in the rating and the policy has been renewed at this reduced

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rate with the Company who suffered such heavy losses on the railways in Windsor in 1931.

As you say, the cost of this insurance is based on the experience of the Company, and so after being satisfied as to financial status of the Company and its general reputation, the main consideration of the Commission in placing the insurance is to secure as efficient service as possible, so that by good experience we may obtain lower rates, and subject to this condition, the Commission endeavours to give such consideration to local agents as it is possible to do, and as members of your Association must know, this is being done in the placing of all the fire insurance on Rolling Stock, Car Barns, etc.

We note you say that taxpayers of the interested municipalities desire the Commission to place the risk in the way you suggest. It is, however, significant that these very municipalities, or the majority of them, when placing their own Public Liability insurance, for good business reasons it must be assumed, place it through the office of A. E. Wilson & Company Limited and so secure the benefit of the services and supervision of this Company and its staff. The City of Windsor itself today, and for some years, the Commission understands, has placed its Public Liability insurance through A. E. Wilson & Company Limited.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Railway Association.

Yours truly,

JL/J. SECRETARY.

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Re: Meighen

November 5th, 1932

Mr. G. H. Jones,
Secretary,
Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Railway Company,
Amherstburg, Ontario.

Dear Sir: Re: Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway - Public Liability Insurance.

I enclose copy of letter I am writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, Essex County Fire and Casualty Agents Association, in reference to the placing of this risk.

This letter explains itself and I send copy to your association so that you may keep in touch with the situation.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY.

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PIGOTT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED
ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS
PIGOTT BUILDING
HAMILTON, CANADA

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Oct. 28/32

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C.
c/o Canadian General Securities Limited
National Building
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

You will recall my writing you on September 8th. 1931 in reference to the Ontario Hydro Building. As you know this building is being tendered now and tenders, I believe, will be opened next Tuesday. We are making a very thorough estimate and in this connection have had engineers from various equipment companies in New York and elsewhere working in our office at our expense for the last ten days. Our own people have made trips to New York to specialists in regard to the caisson and air conditioning work and other features. Our own staff is making a thorough analysis of the whole building. I think, therefore, that I can assure you that our bid will be a very serious and well prepared one and I am writing you to ask only that, if our price is as favorable as any other received, the fact that we are not residents of Toronto and the fact that we are not employing all Toronto sub-contractors, shall not operate against us.

The chairman, Mr. Cook, has already assured me that the Board regards this project as one of interest to some seven hundred and fifty municipalities in Ontario and that no conditions such as this will be imposed.

However, I know the Toronto interests pretty well and certainly a tremendous amount of pressure will be brought to bear before this matter is finally settled. I will feel quite confident if I know that you are alive to this situation and that is why I am taking the liberty of reminding you of our previous correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

JMP:MH

PIGOTT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED
Joseph M. Pigott

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347 Bay Street, Toronto,
October 29, 1932.

Pigott Construction Company Ltd.,
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sirs: Attention Mr. Pigott

I have your letter of 28th. The view you take of the correct attitude of the Ontario Hydro Commission is my view. This is an Ontario undertaking in the sense that the Commission acts not for the City of Toronto especially but for seven hundred odd Municipalities in this Province.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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X Hydro

Toronto Ont Nov. 7/32.
1. St. Joseph. St.

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The. Hon. Arthur Meighen.
National Bdlg.
Bay St. Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

Re our telephone conversation of yesterday, as requested by you, I am giving you a brief summary of my working career. also enclosing three copies of letters of recommendation from organizations with whom I have worked.

I was born in Perth Ont thirty two years ago, the son of the late J. M. Rogers K.C. of the firm of Rogers & Stewart. Education includes Senior Matriculation & First Yr Arts. Worked for C.P.R. Toronto for 5 yrs. in the signal & construction departments respectively (1919-1924)

In 1925. I took out an automobile franchise with Gen. Motors & Willys Overland for the towns of Perth, Smiths Falls & Merrickville Continuing in business there until the fall

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of 1931, when I came to Giles, Rice & Peters Toronto. Buick & Chevrolet Dealers in the capacity of salesman.

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Due to business depression in the auto game, I would certainly like to obtain employment whereby I was assured of a steady income, regardless of capacity and remuneration. As my longest experience has been with automobiles would it be possible to get something with the Hydro in their automotive division

In concluding in order to bring our family to mind you might know my brother T. A. in Perth Ont. secretary of the Conservation Association there, or my brother M. W. Hydro engineer in Carleton Place Ont.

Trusting that this will not inconvenience you in any way, and hoping to hear from you in the near future. I am.

Very truly yours.
Walter B Rogers

1. St. Joseph St
Mi. 4534

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Ans. by Mr. Gaby
Nov. 14/32.

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GENERAL MOTORS LTD.

Zone No.6
55 York St.,

TORONTO, ONTARIO

December 30, 1931

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to say that I have known Mr. W. B. Rogers for some considerable time, he having been associated with us having the Pontiac in Perth a few years ago. He is an energetic salesman and believe that he will give a good report of himself.

Yours very truly,

(signed) E. R. Birchard

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Zone Manager

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CONTINENTAL GUARANTY CORPORATION

1101 Northern Ontario Bldg.,
TORONTO, Ontario

July 12/32

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am pleased to say that W. B. Rogers is well known to me, having conducted a selling agency for automobiles at Perth.

All business dealings between him and this firm were entirely satisfactory.

(Signed) R. T. Davis
District Sales Mgr.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.

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Room 328 Union Station,
Toronto, Ont.
July 7, 1932

W. B. Rogers Esq.,
44 Alexander St.,
Toronto, Ont.

Bear Sir:

In connection with your request for particulars of your service with the Company, I have referred to the record in my office and find that it shows that you were in the Signal Department from May 1920 to June 1924, when you were transferred to the Ottawa Division.

I can, if you desire, secure your official record from Montreal, which will show the details of your service and will also indicate that your services were satisfactory.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. McMillan

Superintendent

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Hydro
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OTTAWA, November 9, 1932.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 7th November. I will take this matter up with the Chief Engineer of Hydro, but as stated over the phone, I really do not think you would be able to find work at the present time.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. W. B. Rogers,
1 St. Joseph St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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OTTAWA, November 9, 1932.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Mr. W. B. Rogers, outlining his qualifications. Copies of references and of my reply to Mr. Rogers are also attached.

If there is anything you can do for this man, I will appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Copy for Mr. Meighen

November 14th, 1932.

Mr. Walter B.Rogers,
1 St. Joseph Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

The Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen has referred to us your letter addressed to him under date of November 7th, 1932, in which you make application for a position on the staff of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Unfortunately your qualifications apparently do not fit you for the many positions in the Commission's organization. I am, however, enclosing an application form which you will please be so good as to complete and return to this office for record purposes.

I regret that at present I am unable to offer any encouragement as to the possibility of locating for you a suitable position, as a large number of the Commission's old employees are awaiting re-instatement at such time as conditions may warrant.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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1072a St. Clair Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario,
Nov. 2, 1922.

Honourable A. Meighen
Leader of the Senate
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:-

Once again I must apologize for writing you and causing you this inconvenience. But to date I have been absolutely unable to secure employment of any kind. With wife around the corner & a wife to support places me in a very difficult position.

Do you think you could have me placed with the Ontario Hydro, in which you are connected. I am willing to work at a small

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salary even if its just enough to get by this winter. The Spring may have a more optimistic aspect look.

I feel very bold in writing you so often but as a former friend of my late father, whom also was a staunch Conservative. That you will come to my assistance in which I am greatly in need of. Hoping you will give my letter the closest of consideration.

I beg to remain,

Respectfully

Spence Fay

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129960 Hydro

November 8, 1932.

Mr. Spence Foy,
1072a St. Clair Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 2nd.

Though I have been on the Hydro Commission for almost a year and a half, there has been no question of appointment of anyone come before the Commission in all that time. I realize the position so many are in, and get letters of the most appealing character daily. Such persons as are taken on are merely, I presume, temporary help, and this is in the hands of the heads of the different Branches. The Commission as such does not interfere.

Am sorry indeed not to be able to send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TELEGRAPH

FORM T. D. 1 X

TELEGRAM

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

(Printed in Canada)

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

Q B 54 STANDARD TIME

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.RT. HONOURABLE ARTHUR MEIGHEN

NATIONAL BLDG, TORONTO ONT.

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MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU ON HAVING HYDRO ASK FOR ALTERNATIVE BIDS FOR CONCRETE AND STEEL ON THEIR BUILDING AS I UNDERSTAND CONCRETE WILL NOT ONLY SAVE ANYWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BUT WILL USE MATERIAL THAT HAS EMPLOYED ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CANADIAN LABOUR WHEREAS STRUCTURAL STEEL WOULD BE ROLLED IN UNITEDSTATES .

F. P. JONES. 418PM,

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Hydro

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November 8, 1932.

Mr. F. P. Jones,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your telegram. I think it will be about a week from Friday before the analysis of the different tenders will be completed for the consideration of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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317 Cassells St.,
North Bay, Ont.,
Nov. 4, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Meighen, P.C.K.C.,
Senate Chambers,
Parliament Bldgs.,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Hon. Sir:

As you suggested, I wrote Mr. A. V. Trimble of the Hydro Electric Power Commission and had a letter from that office this morning in which they stated they had nothing to do with the Canyon work and that the Dominion Construction Co., would finish the work.

I was indeed disappointed with this news and would like to know if it would be possible to have an interview with you on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week for a few minutes?

Yours very truly,

Cornelius McGuire

CMcG/SMc.

C. McGuire

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Hydro
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November 8, 1932.

Mr. Cornelius McGuire,
317 Cassells St.,
North Bay, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 4th November. I don't know whether I told you or not in the letter which I wrote you from Ottawa, but the fact is, though I have been on the Hydro Commission for nearly a year and a half, no appointment has ever yet come before the Commission for consideration. Any that are made are no doubt of a temporary character and not of great importance, and merely consist of help taken on by the heads of the different Branches. At the same time, I receive every day appeals from various persons in all parts of the Province to be a pointed on the Hydro.

From the above it will be clear that it would be a waste of time to see me on the subject, because the Commission as such does not interfere in these matters. I will not be here from Tuesday noon on, until toward the end o th week anyway, and do not know just what day I will be able to return from Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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WM. R. WOOLLATT
PRESIDENT

CANADIAN GREYHOUND LINES
LIMITED
1004 SECURITY BLDG.
WINDSOR, ONTARIO

DEPENDABILITY

Ottawa

Nov. 4, 1932.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighan,

The attached memo of facts is self explanatory. The writer was aked if he would do all he could to help bring the contract to our City and the best thought I have is to ask for your help.

It means a lot, not only to our Commission, but also to this whole community in giving work.

Will you please do all you can- if consistent.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bill Woollatt

Hydro Commissioner since 1914.

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Hydro

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Ottawa, November 9, 1932.

Dear Mr. Woollatt:

I duly received your letter of 4th. Have read carefully the memorandum which you enclosed, and its contents will have careful thought when the subject comes up next week before the Commission. It must be remembered, of course, that other concerns can make practically the same argument. The Commission takes all these things into account and will try to take the fairest possible course.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. William Woollatt,
1004 Security Building,
Windsor, Ontario.

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Memorandum to Commissioner, W.R. Woollatt
Walkerville Hydro-Electric Commission

Nov. 3/32

Re: Steel Contract for Hydro-Electric
Power Commission's New Office Building

Tenders are now being submitted for the construction of a new office building for the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Toronto and it is believed the contract will be awarded some time within the next 30 days. Unfortunately, the steel contract has been included as part of the general contract.

The Canadian Bridge Company, Walkerville, has submitted tenders to a number of the general contractors for the steel work, the total cost of which the writer believes will be some where in the neighborhood of $300,000.00.

If the Canadian Bridge Company is successful in securing this contract, it will result in employment for 200 Border Cities workmen for approximately four months.

This will result in a large saving in the direct relief expenses of both the local Municipalities and the Government. The Government is now paying from 80 to 100% of the cost of relief in this district.

The Canadian Bridge Company have, during the past ten years purchased from this Commission, power to the extent of approximately $230,000.00 and is one of our oldest and most valued customers and should, the writer believes, receive our fullest assistance in their efforts to secure the above contract, both because of the fact that their power requirements to complete this contract, will be quite substantial and also because of the fact that added employment will materially stimulate all classes of business throughout the Border Cities with its resultant beneficial effects to ourselves.

As the Head Office of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission is located in Toronto it provides, to a very large extent, employment to Toronto citizens, whereas its revenues are derived from its operations, which are fairly well spread over the Province. The construction of the new office building on account of its location will also be largely confined to Toronto labour, and it is only reasonable to suppose that the Hydro Commission will be anxious to distribute the work in connection with the construction of the building, throughout the Province to as wide an extent as possible, and the steel contract is about the only part of the contract that can be taken care of in this district.

If the Canadian Bridge Company is awarded this contract the writer is informed that the major portion of the raw material will be supplied by either Toronto or Hamilton firms, which will help to distribute part of the work to these Municipalities.

The Canadian Bridge Company operates as part of the United States Steel Corporation which is really an international corporation having shareholders in all parts of the world. The writer is informed that the investment of Canadians in the parent organization is much greater than the total investments of the United States Steel Corporation in Canada and that the payment of dividends to Canadians far exceeds the payment of dividends from the Canadian plants of the above Corporation to the parent organization.

The Canadian Bridge Company is well and favourably known, the writer believes, to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, having to a large extent pioneered the development of towers for high tension electric transmission lines in Canada and have over a period of years supplied the Hydro-Electric Power Commission with a considerable portion of their requirements.

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Memo to Mr. W.R. Woollatt Nov. 3rd 1932

About two years ago they erected an entirely new plant for tower production work. This plant at the present time is practically idle on account of the general curtailment in the construction of high tension lines throughout the country, and the securing of this contract will go a long way towards enabling them to keep their plant operating.

This Commission's investment in plant equipment to take care of the requirements of the Bridge Company are quite substantial and the revenue from the power which will be required by the Bridge Company to complete the above contract, if they are fortunate in securing it, will of course, be of material benefit to ourselves and to the other Hydro Systems taking power from the Niagara System.

DBM/C

MANAGER

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Hydro

Ottawa, November 9, 1922.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is a letter from Senator E. D. Smith. He has spoken to me very urgently on behalf of this nephew, the only son of the former engineer of Hydro, Cecil B. Smith. I don't know whether Mr. Gaby could find work for him or not, but I feel sure he would be disposed to do so if he could.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Chairman,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A. CHAIRMAN
C. Alfred Maguire, COMMISSIONER
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C. COMMISSIONER
Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc. CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION
190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

November 9th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re: Construction Costs - Rural Lines.

Referring to our discussion at the last meeting regarding the cost of lines, - I thought you might be interested in the distribution of costs of the various types of lines as constructed by the Commission, and am giving below some figures in reference thereto, from which you will note that the actual cost per mile of line is not that used in the rural estimates, which includes, in addition, transformers, meters and such service wires as may be erected.

You will note that the estimates for a 4000 volt line are a little over $700.00 per mile and for an 8000 volt line approximately $927.96. These figures do not include tree trimming or right-of-way charges, but included in the labour figures are 8% for office overhead and 7% for insurance and tool depreciation.

The following are details regarding the construction of rural lines including the cost of secondary and are for construction under ideal conditions. The average cost under actual conditions, however, may be higher, or lower, depending on the district in which the line is located, our average actual cost being somewhat higher than the figures as given:-

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen November 9th, 1932.

Primary

1. Single phase 4600 - 250 foot span 2 - #4 S.R. aluminum on 30'x6" Eastern Cedar Poles.

Poles, Crossarms, Pins and Hardware

Material	-	$231.00
Labour	-	140.00

Anchors and Guys

Material	-	$ 22.00
Labour	-	36.00

Conductors & Insulators

Material	-	$141.00
Labour	-	67.00
Total	-	$637.00
Plus 10% Engineering & Contingencies	-	63.70
Plus 1% Interest	-	6.37
		$707.07

2. Three phase 8000/4600 volt 250 foot span 4 - #4 S.R. aluminum on 30'x6" Eastern Cedar Poles.

Poles, Crossarms, Pins and Hardware

Material	-	$257.00
Labour	-	140.00

Anchors and Guys

Material	-	$ 22.00
Labour	-	36.00

Conductors and Insulators

Material	-	282.00
Labour	-	99.00
Total	-	$836.00

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November 9th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

Brought forward	-	$836.00
Plus 10% Engineering and Contingencies	-	$ 83.60
Plus 1% Interest	-	8.36
		$927.96

The above figures do not include any tree trimming or right-of-way charges. Included in the labour figures given are 8% for office overhead and 7% for insurance and tool depreciation.

There would be practically no difference in cost between a 4000/2300 volt and 8000/4600 volt line.

Secondary

The cost of secondary equipment erected to serve one class 3 contract using a 3 Kv-a. 60 cycle transformer and including meter, etc. would be as follows:-

4600 volt	-	$190.00
2300 volt	-	178.00

In the above figures for primary, the cost of poles delivered along the right-of-way is as follows:-

30'x6"	-	$ 7.50
35'x6"	-	10.00
40'x7"	-	13.00

The above figures are for a line built at prevailing prices and under ideal conditions.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Copy for Mr. Meighen

November 16th, 1932.

Mr. Armand Quesnel,
48 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:- Re: Application for Position

I am in receipt of your communication of November 15th, 1932, and note that you are desirous of obtaining a position as draftsman on the staff of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. I regret, however, to have to advise you that we have no openings at this time for any draftsmen and moreover there are many of our old employees awaiting re-instatement at such time as conditions may warrant.

Enclosed you will find an application blank which you might be so good as to complete and return to this office for record purposes and in order that we may be in a position to get in touch with you should any suitable opening present itself in the future.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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C
Mr. Wells Maclachlan

S. Nicholas Rectory,
1512 Kingston Road,
Toronto, 13.
November, 15, 1932.

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Hydro

The Rt. Honourable,
Arthur Meighen.

Dear Mr Meighen;

I am writing on behalf of a man named Hyatt who has been with the Hydro-Electric for some time and has been laid off or put on the occasional list.

Do you think you could do something for him, in some other capacity if not in the department he has been in? He has been under Mr Dobson.

Yours very sincerely,

H Clarke Wallace.

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Mr. Robson

Answer prepared for
Mr. Meighen's signature
Nov 29/32.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
C. Alfred Maguire, COMMISSIONER
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Office of the Chairman

190 University Avenue, Toronto 2.

November 12, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.
347 Bay Street,
TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Meighen:- Manitoulin Island. Rural Power Lines and Telephone Systems.

Briefly the situation regarding the telephone systems on the Island and the interference therewith that may be expected by reason of the introduction of rural power lines is as follows:-

There are four telephone companies on the Island, the number of subscribers served by them being:-

Manitoulin & North Shore Telephone and Telegraph Company - - - -	95	subscribers
Ice Lake Telephone Company - - - -	46	"
Manitoulin Island Rural Telephone Company - - - -	256	"
Billings Mutual Telephone Company - - -	47	"

We are constructing rural lines which will be located along the same highways as those occupied by the lines of the telephone companies.

In general these companies are operating single wire circuits with ground return. The ground return circuit is obsolete and, in Ontario, only a few small companies are continuing its use.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C. November 12, 1932

This type of circuit is seriously affected by adjacent power lines.

A memorandum to be presented at the next Commission meeting will recommend that certain assistance be given to two of these companies to the extent indicated herein viz:-

Billings Mutual Telephone Company - - - $ 200.

Manitoulin Island Rural Telephone Company - - 70.

These amounts cover the cost of the wire necessary to make metallic the circuits adjacent to our proposed lines.

The Ice Lake Telephone Company had previously modernized their system by installing metallic circuits.

The Manitoulin and North Shore Telephone & Telegraph Company (Mr. Turner's company) has a connection between the Island and the mainland, but I understand that, due to the use of the grounded system, telephonic communication between the Island and the mainland is impossible. For this reason, and not because of the introduction of power lines on the Island, the Supervisor of Telephones for the Ontario Municipal Board, Mr. Dagger, has recommended, and the Company has agreed in writing, to change their circuits from grounded to metallic.

For this reason no recommendation for assistance to this company has been made.

Before construction work was commenced, each company on the Island was notified of our proposals to build

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and we have kept in close touch with them during construction. Care has been taken by the Construction Department to avoid damage to the companies' lines.

In certain cases, to avoid conflict, we are moving the telephone companies' poles, with their consent and at the Commission's expense.

I am returning herewith, Mr. G.B. Nicholson's letter to you of November 3.

Yours truly,

AGL/JH

J R Cooke

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THE SENATE
CANADA

Winona, Ontario,
November 7th, 1932.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

As I informed you today, my brother, the late C.B. Smith, C.E. who is well known, I think, to all Ontario civil engineers who were in practice twenty years ago when he died, has living only one son, Harold, whose small fortune as well as his situation has been lost in the bankruptcy of Canadian Paperboard Company and at a time when it is very difficult to find a place. His position with the defunct Company was as Sales Manager in the office and of late, as a resident solicitor of sales in Toronto.

He is a young man of about thirty-two years of age, of irreproachable habits, well qualified in every way for any post requiring knowledge and industry commensurate with that required for a post similar to that which he held. His manner is that of a perfect gentleman. His honesty and integrity are unimpeachable. He could be trusted implicitly and would be most valuable where these qualities are most needed.

It would indeed be a great kindness if some place could be found for him.

Yours very truly,

E. D. Smith

EDS/DK

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Office of the Chairman

190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2.

November 10th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to the communication received by you from Senator E. D. Smith in behalf of his nephew, Harold; apparently Mr. Smith's qualifications will not fit him for many positions in the Commission's organizations. I should, however, be very pleased if you would forward the enclosed application form to Senator Smith so that he may have his nephew fill in the same, giving full particulars as to his experience and his qualifications, returning it to this office for record purposes.

I have discussed the matter with Mr. Gaby and he says that at the present moment, although he is sympathetic towards the son of one who was amongst the first engineers employed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, he is unable to make any suggestions as to the possibility of employing Mr. Smith on the staff of the Commission, as a large number of its old employees are awaiting re-instatement at such time as conditions may warrant.

Yours very truly,

JRCooke
CHAIRMAN.

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OTTAWA

November 17, 1932.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is a further letter from Mr. George B. Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson feels very strongly on this subject. I hope you have already had a talk with Mr. Gaby, pursuant to my earlier communication.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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347 Bay Street, Toronto,
November 19, 1932.

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

When I got in this morning I found a letter from Mr. Cooke, and am enclosing you herewith a copy.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Geo. B. Nicholson, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, November 19, 1932.

My dear Senator Smith:

Enclosed is copy of letter just received from Mr. Cooke. I wrote him rather fully on this subject and have taken the matter up personally with him as well. The application form which he sent me is also enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. Senator E. D. Smith,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

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317 Cassells St.,
North Bay, Ont.,
Nov. 10, 1932.

Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Meighen, P.C.K.C.,
Senate Chambers,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th. inst., received.

I understand the Canyon job is again working and the help required are principally from Toronto. I am sorry if I worried you about this matter but the interview which I requested was not in connection with a Hydro position.

Would your Commission be putting on an inspector at the Canyon? I thought there might be an opening there or at the Temiskaming Dam, for which I understand tenders are open these last few days. I have acted as inspector on some big jobs, on different occasions.

I am enclosing copy of letter received from Hon. W. A. Gordon sometime ago, through whom I tried to get on the Beauharnois job. You will see by this letter the recommendations I have.

Yours truly,

Cornelius McGuire

CMcG/SM. C. McGuire

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(C O P Y)

Office of
The Minister of Immigration and Colonization
OTTAWA, CANADA

September 20, 1932.

Cornelius McGuire Esq.,
317 Cassells Street,
North Bay, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McGuire:

I have your letter of the 15th. of September enclosing Mr. Anderson's recommendation, in view of which, as well as the strong representations which Mr. Harrison had already made in your behalf, I should be very much pleased to be of assistance to you. Unfortunately, as far as the Beauharnois matter is concerned, I am not in a position to be helpful as the Government has no jurisdiction with regard to details of management, their sole interest being to see that the people's rights are protected.

If at any time I can be of assistance to you in any other connection I shall be glad to do what I can.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. A. Gordon.

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November 19, 1932.

Mr. Cornelius McGuire,
317 Cassells St.,
North Bay, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 10th.

So far as Hydro is concerned, there is no one on the Canyon work except Hydro officers. The contract is held by a Company--I think it is called the Dominion Construction Company--and what work is being done is being done by them, and by other Companies installing machinery, etc. Possibly it might be worth your while to apply to the Dominion Construction, which I understand is in charge of Mr. J. Homer Black.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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Hydro

Ottawa, November 18, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Quesnel:

I have your letter of 16th.

It is exceedingly difficult to assist the very great numbers who are now seeking work and who are most deserving. All one can do is the best in his power.

I have undertaken to speak to Mr. Gaby on behalf of your son and will be doing so early next week. I understand he is also making application to the Railway Department, and if he is doing so, please advise me as I wish to speak to Colonel Dubuc for him.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. Josephine Quesnel,
48 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont.

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November 22, 1932.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

If at any time you are in need of a draughtsman, I would be very glad indeed if you would consider Armand Quesnel, who has been doing draughting work for the Ottawa Electric and is very highly spoken of by them, and who I understand has made application to you.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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November 28th, 1932.

The Honourable Arthur Meighen,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto (2),Ont.

Dear Senator Meighen;-

I tried to get in touch with you before you left Ottawa, but was unable to do so,owing to the pressure of your many duties in the closing hours of the session.

I am informed that you will be tomorrow considering,as a member of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the tenders which have been submitted to you for the construction of your proposed new building in Toronto.

On behalf of the members of the Canadian Construction Association, I desire to make representation to you that in view of the present conditions in our industry and country, your Board should give a preference to bona fide Canadian Contractors, similar to that which you will undoubtedly be granting to Canadian materials.

Knowing your interest in the welfare of all Canadian interests, I feel sure that the points I have mentioned will receive your favourable consideration.

Yours very truly,
J Clark Reilly
Manager.

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GIVE WORK,
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Hydro

November 29, 1932.

Dear Mr. Reilly:

I have your letter of 28th.

I quite agree with you that we should have regard to Canadian interests in the letting of contracts. It is important, of course, in this connection to know all the circumstances affecting each Company which may be tendering.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. J. Clark Reilly,
Canadian Construction Association,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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MONTREAL, November 30th.1932192

TheRt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,K.C.,
Commissioner,
Ontario Hydro. Electric Commission.,
Toronto, Ont.,

My dear Senator,

In compliance with your Kind permission that I should write to you, about the illegal diversion of water, by the J.R. Booth Company, through the height of land,north of the right of way of the Nipissing Central Railway, which (en passant) is endangering the safety of this railway, by erosion of its embankment.

This case is a very long story. I have been 3 or 4 years at it.

From 1919 to 1928, I have established the original level of Lake Abitibi prior to the works of the Abitibi Power & Paper Company.

I have saved their water supply to their entire satisfaction, and to-day, Lake Abitibi with its 350 square miles is one of the best mil pond or reservoir in this country.

Then I was asked to stop the illegal diversion of water by the J.R. Booth Company. The Abitibi P.& P. Co. instead of prosecuting them in a law court as they should, preferred to bring the case before the Railway Board on the ground that this illegal diversion of water was a menace to the lives of the passengers on the Nipissing Central Railway.

You could, I suppose, if you wanted, get access to the record of this case, before the Ry. Board, It is voluminous, I have most of it.

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This illegal diversion is in the Province of Quebec, near the Ontario boundary and it drains a basin of some 300 square miles nearly all in Ontario and this water should flow into Lake Abitibi.

There is a letter from the Honourable Mr. Finlayson to the Honourable Mr. Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests for Quebec saying that Ontario is losing $ 8,000.00 a year by this diversion. This has been going on for 9 years = to $ 72,000.00 This is comparatively a small amount, and thus easily understood by the electors. What! Buying power from Quebec and letting go 8,000 HP to Quebec, and then buying it back, etc, etc,

The flow is 500 c.f.s. with a head, only through the actual works of the Abitibi Co. of 160 feet = 8,000HP at only $ 5. per HP. $ 40,000.00 per year. What an election Cry!- but I am not thinking of politics but fees.

You must be much too busy to go into these details but I could go to Toronto with my data and explain the whole matter to your engineers and perhaps, your Hydro lawyers.

Yours sincerely,

J.R. Brayson

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45 RICHMOND ST. WEST
TORONTO 2 ONT.

November 30th, 1932.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Meighen:-

A short time ago I introduced to you Mr. W. A. McNeil (Curly), with reference to using Canadian Marble for interior work in the proposed new Hydro Building.

I would have called on you personally but for an accident in which I dislocated and fractured my shoulder, and am now confined to the house in a heavy cast. I am expecting to be around again shortly when I hope to call on you.

Meantime I would be very glad if the Commission would defer their decision on the interior marble to be used in the new building, as I have received confirmation regarding the exceptional merit of the Ontario product referred to and recently shown the Hydro Officials and Architects.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

W. J. Thompson
per G.

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December 1, 1932.

Mr. W. J. Thompson,
45 Richmond St. West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I have your letter of 30th November. This is a matter which should be taken up with the Chief Engineer, or still better I think, with Mr. Brandon, who has special charge of engineering work in connection with the proposed new building.

I could not undertake that the Commission would agree to defer decision at the present time, as possibly other very great inconvenience might be caused.

You might call Mr. Brandon over the phone if you are not able to go down personally.

Yours very truly,

AME. Arthur Meighen.

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W. H. Yates Construction Company
Limited

YATES BUILDING
Hamilton, Canada.

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT

The Hon. Arthur Meighen,
c/o Canadian General Insurance Co.,
Sterling Tower,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighan:-

I understand from Mr. Yates that the W. H. Yates Construction Company is in the running on the Contract for the new Hydro Building in Toronto. If this is so and you can give him any help, I would appreciate it very much. I have been associated with the Yates Company for a great many years, in fact he and myself are pretty much the W. H. Yates Construction Company, he supplies the experience and I draw the dividends as and when there are any - yes? Am sure he would give you a good job.

Yours very truly,

P. A. Thomson

Mr Yates will deliver this to you personally

Pat.

PAT/RMC.

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December 2nd, 1932

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
57 Castle Frank Cres.,
Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Arthur:

It has just come to my knowledge that one of our local men is endeavoring to locate himself with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario. I have reference to Harry R. Hall, who was associated for twenty-three years with the Dominion Power and Transmission Co., eighteen of which were in the Sales Department at Hamilton and the last five as local manager at Brantford. As you know, most of these men were let out in consequence of the sale of the Dominion Power and Transmission Co. to the local Hydro system.

I am not suggesting that you endeavor to make a place for this man but I do want to recommend him very highly as one who has become very rapidly a splendid citizen and who, at the present time, is secretary of our local Rotary Club, and should a vacancy occur wherein you could make use of Mr. Hall's services I know that your trust will not be misplaced. He is about forty-three years of age, married and a member of the church to which I belong, namely, Zion United.

Will you allow me to compliment you upon your splendid leadership in the Upper House during the last parliamentary session. No doubt you are glad that it is over and that you will be able to give a little more time to family affairs. Will you kindly extend my kind regards to each member of your family?

With very kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

B. A. Caspell

B. A. CASPELL

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December 8, 1932.

Mr. B. A. Caspell,
Kester Solder Company,
Brantford, Ontario.

Dear Bert:

I have your letter of 2nd.

Will be glad to speak to Mr. Gaby with respect to Mr. Hall, but I don't think any expansion is being made in the Hydro organization at present,-rather the contrary.

Thanks very much for your good words, which are sincerely and earnestly reciprocated.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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December 8, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is extract from letter written by Mr. B. A. Caspell of Brantford, on behalf of Mr. Harry R. Hall. This is passed on to you for such consideration as you may be able to give.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Office of the Chairman

190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2.

December 8th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re: Manitoulin Island Telephone Companies.

You will recall that this matter was held over from meeting of November 21st for further report, which will be presented at the next meeting.

I note from Mr. Nicholson's letter to you of November 9th, that Mr. Turner has been ordered by the Ontario Municipal Board to rebuild his lines, making them entirely metallic.

I am advised that this order was for the purpose of improving the telephone service and quite independent of the projected power lines.

Yours truly,

J.R. Cooke
CHAIRMAN.

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Toronto 2

December 12th, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am in receipt of your communication of December 8th, enclosing extract from a letter received by you from Mr. B.A. Caspell, of Brantford, in behalf of Mr. Harry R. Hall, and in reply would advise you that at the present time we are holding on file an application for employment by Mr. Hall, received some little time ago, but have not as yet been able to find any suitable opening for him. Should anything develop, however, we shall be very pleased to take the matter up with him direct.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Paris, Ontario
December 8th, 1932.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission,

University Avenue,

Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sirs:-

Mr. George Bird of Ayr has consulted us with reference to the condition of affairs which exists at the present time with respect to the Ayr Hydro-Electric Commission.

We understnad from Mr. Bird that Mr. James Little was recently elected by acclammation as one of the Commissioners notwithstanding the fact that he is in the employ of the Commission and is accordingly ineligible under the provisions of subsection (O) of Section 53 of the Municipal Act.

Mr. Bird is insistent that Mr. Little shall either resign his position with the Commission or as Commissioner and has instructed us to take action to unseat Mr.Little. We may say that he has already been advised through the Village Clerk that he is ineligible but has taken no action to put himself right.

We suggested to Mr. Bird that perhaps, if the matter were drawn to your attention, you would intercede and have matters righted without the expense of any proceedings. Kindly let us know if you are prepared to take any action in the matter.

We also understand from Mr. Bird, who is a retiring Commissioner, that a meeting of the retiring Commission was held last night without any notice having been given to him and without his having an opportunity to attend. We also understand that Mr.Griffin, the Reeve of the Village, acts as Chairman and Secretary of the Commission, which of course does not seem proper. It looks to us as if the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario should take some action to put matters in Ayr straight.

Kindly let us hear from you at an early date so that Mr.Bird may be in a position to take proceedings under part four of the Municipal Act unless you intend to take some action yourselves.

Yours truly,
(Smoke & Smoke)

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Paris, Ontario
December 12th, 1931.

W. George Hanna, Esq.,
Legal Department,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

On the 8th of December we addressed a letter to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission with respect to Mr. James Little, who has been elected a commissioner of the Village of Ayr Hydro Commission, notwithstanding the fact that he is an employee of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and with respect to several other matters in connection with the operations of the Commission.

We have had no reply to this letter but a copy of the Galt Reporter has been handed to us, wherein a letter purporting to the signed by you and addressed to Henry Griffin, Reeve of the Village of Ayr, appeared, and wherein you expressed the opinion that Mr.Little is not disqualified.

Perhaps you did not have before you when writing this letter the case Re Rex Ex Relator Stephenson vs. Hunt, given in 36 Ontario Law Reports at Page 385. Mr. Justice Riddell in commenting on the circumstances in this case, although he dismissed the motion for a fiat requiring the County Court Judge to hear a second application on other grounds, stated: "The impropriety, gross and palpable, of this secretary and chief officer of the Western Fair Association occupying a seat at the council board of the City, under the cirdumstances, should be manifest to the most obtuse".

It seems to us that the Little case is one on parallel lines with the Stephenson and Hunt case, and in our opinion it is quite improper for Mr.Little to occupy a seat on the local commission, which we understand acts for the Corporation of Ayr in certain circumstances, while Mr.Little is an employee of the Provincial Commission.

We shall be glad to have your views on the same.

Yours truly,
(Smoke & Smoke)

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Paris, Ont.,
December 18th, 1932.

W. George Hanna, Esq.,
Legal Department,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:- Re Ayr Hydro-Electric Commission,
Re James Little.

We are in receipt of your letter of 15th instant.

You state that the Ontario Commission has no intention or desire to interfere in Municipal Politics. Having written the letter to Mr. Henry Griffin which you did write, you have already interfered in Municipal politics in the Village of Ayr. However, that is aside from the matter.

Mr. Justice Riddell's statement in the Stephenson and Hunt case is fully applicable to this particular case, in that Mr. Little is an employee of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and at the same time has been elected a member of the local commission.

Should any differences arise between the Village of Ayr, of the Ayr Hydro-Electric Commission, and the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, you can quite readily see that Mr.Little, looking to his job, would be on the side of his own employers, and certainly would not in that instance look after the interests of the Village of Ayr.

Mr. Bird is the Manager of the Hecker-H-O Company of Canada, whose Company purchases in the neighborhood of $15,000.00 worth of power per year, it being the largest consumer of power in the Village of Ayr, and you can readily understand that his position is not made any more pleasant by reason of the fact that difficulties have arisen between Mr.Little and himself over this matter.

We think this is a case where the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario should interfere to the extent of either relieving Mr.Little of his position under the Commission or insisting upon his disclaiming office as a Commissioner.

Yours truly,
(Smoke & Smoke).

SLS:A

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December 12, 1932.

Geo. B. Nicholson, Esq., M.Pp,
Chapleau, Ontario.

My dear George:

I think my secretary told you of certain consideration that I hope to be able to give in the case of Mr. Turner.

Meantime, I am advised that the order made by the Ontario Municipal Board to Mr. Turner to re-build his lines making them entirely metallic, was for the purpose of improving the telephone service and quite independent of the projected power lines.

Yours very truly

AM/E.

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HYDRO SERVICE COMPLAINED OF

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Too Many Interruptions At North Glanford

Appeal is Made to Ontario Commission

Di[illegible]sfied with the service given by the Ontario Hydro commission, consumers on the North Glanford rural line are arranging to appeal to Toronto for a change which will reduce interruptions.

The places affected are the heavy farm services, and where farmers are depending upon the juice to operate milking machines, pumps, etc., the continued delays are proving a real hardship.

Object to Change

Formerly the district was served through a line running along the Caledonia highway from Hamilton, and the consumers were satisfied, for interruptions were few, but some time ago the area was transferred to the Caledonia feeder, and since then there has been no end of trouble, the irate users declare. Interruptions extending over a period of one week are not uncommon, and scarcely a month passes without a half-dozen delays, they state. The s[illegible]ce has become so unsatisfactory that appeal is being made to the Ontario Hydro commission and to T. J. Mahony, M.L.A. for South Wentworth, for action. The consumers ask that they be transferred to the Hamilton line.

Hard on Pies

Several complaints have been sent to officials in charge, but without result. The explanation was that delays were necessary when new services were being connected and other line work done, but the consumers feel that there has been enough lost time on their line to permit the Hydro to connect every house in the township. No notice of interruption is given, which means that loss has occurred, especially in the homes where cooking has been in progress when the power was cut.

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NEW PRESIDENT

JOHN W. MAGUIRE

Who has just been elected president of the Traffic Club of Hamilton, which holds its annual meeting to-morrow night. Mr. Maguire is district freight agent of the C.P.R.

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House of Commons
Canada

Dundas, Ont..
Dec. 12-32

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ontario Hydro Commission,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am enclosing a clipping which appeared in the Spectator tonight and which draws attention to a very unsatisfactory Hydro service being given in North Glanford, which is part of Wentworth county. I think the complaint is justified and those who have appealed for relief have informed me that they have not been successful. I thought you would be good enough to pass this along for investigation. I remain,

Yours Truly,

C. E. Nelson

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
December 17, 1932.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter just received from G. C.Wilson, M. P., with copy of my reply. Kindly have reply prepared on this subject for my signature.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
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Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter just received from G.C.Wilson, M. P., with copy of my reply.

Kindly send me draft of reply for my signature.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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190 University Avenue,
Toronto

December 17, 1932.

Mr. G. C. Wilson, M. P.,
Dundas, Ontario.

Dear Gordon:

I have your letter of 12th.

Am taking this matter up at once with the Commission officers and you will be advised.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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December 17, 1932.

Mr. G. C. Wilson, M. P.,
Dundas, Ontario.

Dear Gordon:

I have your letter of 12th. Am taking this matter up at once with the Commission officers and you will be advised.

Yours very truly,.

AM/E.

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Rt Hon Arthur Meighen
Ontario Hydro Comm
Toronto

Dear Mr Meighen

I don't know whether it was Mayor Peebles that gave me Tousilitis or not, but I have been laid up since. It sure was a pretty spectacle at the meeting in the Hydro Office in Toronto. As expected he sent a wire to the Hamilton Herald stating that the Hydro was a political institution. Will there never would have been a Hydro Power Comm had his efforts in opposing Hydro been successful. You are more conversant with what took place at the conference between Gaby-Walker

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and the Hamilton City Council. That I am as I have been, confined to the house. This information will interest you. Mr Jas Roberts of the Trades + Labor Council (Prov) phoned me Friday afternoon requesting me to attend a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council and the Provincial members on Satdy at 10.30 am, stating that the Conference had been a failure. I advised him that if the doctor would let me that I would do so, and failing that, I would meet their representatives as soon as I was able, and thought I could assure them of success provided the City kept its agreements and would co-operate with the St Ry company and the Ontario Hydro Comm. I have not

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heard what took place, but should they still desire an interview with me, I should like to visit the Commission before meeting them.

In respect of the Grade Crossing fund I am enclosing newspaper clippings relating to this project, and have forwarded copies to Hon Dr. Manion.

Humphrey Mitchell (East Hamilton) told me that Hamilton was in an awful hole and suggested that Mr Bennett use his influence with the C.P.Ry towards having them come to the assistance of Hamilton. I refused, and have Joe (Mitchell) and the ginger group criticise him for so doing. Mitchell was a member of the Hamilton City Council when

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This agreement was entered into by the City. I have asked the Comm to give me a verbatim report of the meeting at Toronto. Haley and the two friends with him were delighted to hear you question Pitson and the Mayor. Hope I will be able to see you early next week. With kind regards and best wishes I remain

Yours Sincerely

G Nelson

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WANT EARTH AND FENCE AROUND IT, MAYOR DECLARES

Says Hydro Commission is Unreasonable

Co-operation One-Sided, Controller Avers

Determined To Operate One-Man Cars

"They want the earth with a fence round it," was Mayor Peebles' terse and caustic comment on the demands put by F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Ontario Hydro commission, and George E. Waller, general manager of the Street Railway company, in conference with members of the board of control this morning on the one-man car situation. The city refused to agree to the conditions.

The company, according to Mayor Peebles, asked the city to forego the 4 per cent. of gross receipts which it now receives, and to strengthen the jitney by-law, eliminating the cheap taxi from the streets. In return the company would only consent to delay the change to one-man cars for one year and would not either take on the 37 men who have already been laid off as a result of the reduction in service or guarantee that further men would not be discharged during the year.

"They wanted even more than a 25-cent minimum rate, but I think they would have agreed to that with 10 cents more for each additional passenger," continued the mayor." That might have been all right if they would have entered an agreement for five years, but they wouldn't listen to that.

"The company would do nothing for the 37 men who have already been laid off, wouldn't guarantee that further operating economies wouldn't be made or that they would delay the change for more than one year."

The demands were so unreasonable that no one suggested that they be accepted.

Change Inevitable

"It looked to me that they were determined to put one man cars into effect sooner or later, even if we made the concessions, and I am convinced that once made, we would never get them back.

"If we must have one-man cars, I think we might as well have them now."

His worship stated that when representatives of the trades and labor council were informed of the decision of the board, they agreed the city had taken the proper stand, although naturally they were anxious to see the men looked after.

The representatives of the street railwaymen's union made no comment upon the decision.

Through!

"I was asked by James Roberts, spokeman of the Trades and Labor delegation, whether our decision closed the door for further negotiations. I replied that it did not as far as they were concerned, but that the city was through.

"The board of control will report to the council the efforts which have already been made, and will recommend that the city allow matters to take their course."

In addition to members of the present board of control, Mayor Peebles invited Controller-elect DuMoulin and Ald. Hancock, chairman of the traffic committee, to attend the conference.

Apparently other members of the board agreed with the mayor in his estimation of the demands of the company.

"Co-operation is all on one side," stated Controller Lawrence, while Controller McFarlane shrugged his shoulders when asked how he considered matters had progressed.

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SIXTY OPERATING UNLICENSED CABS

Until the Chief of Police Put His Foot Down

Amusing Result of Mayor Peebles' Letter

Consternation was caused among licensed taxi drivers last night and early this morning when a small group of citizens appeared on the street driving cabs without licenses or permits of any kind to show their authority to do so. Investigation of the matter disclosed the fact that yesterday afternoon Mayor Peebles wrote a letter saying that if the other police commissioners concurred, he was in favor of allowing the 60-odd applicants for taxi licenses to operate over the holidays without a license in order that some of the men who were nearly destitute could earn some money for Christmas.

They All Signed

The taxi driver who was given this note took it to Judge Thomson, and he signed his name to the letter with a rider that he favored the plan if the police magistrate approved. When Magistrate Burbidge got the letter he put his name on it also, with a note saying he was in favor if the chief of police would be responsible for each individual applicant allowed to operate in this manner.

The letter was taken to the chief constable's home last night and he signed the note thinking it granted this privilege only to the man who brought the note. This morning when he found out that the letter granted a blanket permit to all applicants he withdrew his permission and officers checked up the drivers without licenses and told them they would have to cease operations till after the commission sits next Wednesday. This cleared up the whole situation.

Mayor's Attitude

When Mayor Peebles was asked about the letter to-day he said he had written it yesterday, but when he heard the chief's views on the subject and had learned the number of men who already paid their license fee to operate over the holiday, he saw the unfairness of the scheme and said he was in sympathy with the view of the police.

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CLAIMS MONEY WAS PROMISED TO HAMILTON

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Mayor Discusses Grade Crossing Assistance

Statements Were Made by Senator Robertson

Board Came Here of Its Own Volition

An explanation of the city's understanding of the possible intentions of the federal government with respect to the giving of a grant toward various subways constructed in connection with the T., H. & B. grade separation scheme was supplied to-day by Mayor Peebles.

"The railway board met in Hamilton without any special invitation —of its own volition," his worship said. "When the order was made, the members said that a contribution from the grade separation fund would be considered later. We concluded naturally that this meant we would be given something, especially as the statute provides that a contribution of 40 per cent. can be given from the fund for each subway, but in no case would the amount exceed $100,000.

"We had no knowledge at the time that the fund had been exhausted, and didn't find it out until a year or so ago afterwards when we went to the Dominion railway board for a grant. We were told then that it was not only used up, but promised for years in advance.

Special Appropriation

"It was intimated to us that the only way we could receive assistance would be through a special appropriation. Hon. R. B. Bennett, the prime minister, in a speech before the house, according to the Hansard report, intimated that in the expenditure of twenty millions of dollars for relief favorable consideration would be given towards grants for the elimination of grade crossings.

"When we waited upon the Hon. Gideon Robertson, then minister of labor, whose department controlled such programs, we were assured the money would be provided. I understand that H. T. Malcolmson, vice-president of the T.,H.&B. has a letter to this effect from Mr. Robertson in his possession. In consideration of all these things I think the city was justified in believing it would be given help by the government. I am sure the government is not going to be unfair to Hamilton in refusing a reasonable grant towards an expenditure which was made in good faith by the city and the railway company."

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A M to everyone! It is with mingled feelings, however, that we convey such a wish, first, because we feared it might sound smug and insincere; and, second, there is so much of unhappiness and misery in the world, so much anxiety, and such social tragedy on all sides, that we felt it might be ironic to wish everyone a merry day when so many among us are overwhelmed with distress.

But Christmas comes only once a year. It is meant to be a day of joy and goodwill. Primarily, it is the children's day, and one shudders to think what childhood should be without Christmas. It is out earnest hope, therefore, that no child in Hamilton will be passed over by Santa Claus. We also hope that no family lacks a good Christmas dinner, and that not one heart in Hamilton on Christmas Day is heavy and desolate.

The world is too much with the most of us, and if all of us can forget "present conditions" for a few hours on December 25 we shall be the better for it.

At the risk, then, of causing a bitter grimace here and there, we repeat our deepest wish at this time:

A merry Christmas to you all!

STREET RAILWAYMEN HAVE A FRIEND

MAYOR PEEBLES is to be commended for the effort he has made to have the five local Members of the Legislature use their influence with the Government to prevent the Ontario Hydro Commission laying off 65 more employees of the Hamilton Street Railway when one-man cars go into operation early in the new year.

Forty-three men were laid off several weeks ago, and the information that 65 more will follow them a few weeks hence does seem heartless and unjust, as the Mayor has said. Hydro should bear in mind, his Worship said, that it is a vast public utility owned by the people and it ought therefore to show more regard for its employees than they should expect from private industry.

His Worship also made an impressive point when he emphasized that the Ontario Hydro, in acquiring the assets of the Dominion Power & Transmission Company, was actuated solely by a desire to obtain a power monopoly in the Niagara Peninsula. The Hamilton Street Railway was the last thing it wished to have upon its hands. That being so, the Mayor argues, with considerable force, that all Hydro municipalities in the Niagara district should bear pro rata any deficit incurred by Ontario Hydro on its operation of the Hamilton Street Railway—and not the taxpayers of Hamilton or the Hamilton street railwaymen.

Provincial Hydro officials also have been reminded of their promise of April 16, 1931, when they assured members of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board that employees of the Hamilton Street Railway would not be dismissed, but all would be taken care of. The dismissal of 43 of them a few weeks ago, with the threatened dismissal of 65 more at a no distant date, shows a deplorable disregard of that promise. That is not playing the game. It is not the way the people of this Province desire to see their great public utility conducted. It is not the way Sir Adam Beck would play the game. If there was anything that great Canadian loathed it was scurvy treatment of the men one employs.

GORDON WILSON GIVES THE FACTS

MAYOR PEEBLES is unduly sensitive to criticism on the T. H. & B. grade separation project, and there was no occasion for him to have got into a rage because Gordon Wilson of Dundas, Federal Member of Parliament for Wentworth, told his Worship flatly that the city was "trying to get from under" and evade its responsibility in the matter of Government contributions toward the cost of the Hunter Street subways.

Mr. Wilson declared that the city showed little business ability when it rushed into that project and assumed heavy and uncertain obligations as regards the cost of the subways. He criticized the city for so binding itself before it had learned definitely whether the Federal Government would make any contribution from its level-crossing fund. And Mr. Wilson is right. He is stating a fact. No definite promise ever was made that we can recall. The most that was given the city in the way of an assurance was that such a grant would be considered.

Yet Mayor Peebles insists on attempting to put all the blame upon the Federal Government, and he still has the audacity to characterize the grade project as "an employment measure," when everyone knows it was anything but that. As an employment measure it was a farce. Yet his Worship tries to fasten the blame upon Premier Bennett for having said that relief funds would be used to augment the level-crossing fund. But his Worship does not tell the whole story by being fair enough to admit that the T. H. & B. grade project was never a relief work; and no amount of arguing on his part shall ever make this Hunter Street steal a relief work. It was foisted upon the people as "a grand relief work," but the people soon realized it was nothing of the kind; and so did the Federal Government, and that is why no grant has been forthcoming from the level-crossing fund. Therefore, if the city is left holding the bag as regards bearing a heavy share of the cost of these subways, the city is itself to blame, and not the Federal Government.

Mr. Gordon Wilson was not making wild utterances; he was stating cold facts; and for Mayor Peebles to hurl the insulting epithet of "cheap politician" at the Member for Wentworth was not helping the city at all. The Mayor is the one who has been the "politician" all through this ill-conceived project, not Mr. Wilson; and such insults will only recoil on the Mayor himself.

Any man who will speak his mind as frankly as Mr. Wilson spoke his, at last Monday's meeting of the Board of Control, is not "a cheap politician." We should say he is a pretty forceful type of man, "a straight shooter," and public life would be the better if there were more like him.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
December 28, 1932.

My dear Gordon:

I have your letter of 24th with enclosures. Thank you very much for having me down. Also permit me now to express my sincere appreciation of your remark at the meeting in the Hydro office last week.

It is very hard for a Commission with our responsibilities to get and retain public confidence when Mayors and newspapers endeavour to make of us a sort of relief organization. Relief is essential, but relief must be attended to by the responsible authorities. The Hydro Commission is responsible as Trustee to seven hundred and forty-six Municipalities and has to conduct its business absolutely according to law, and under the law applicable to it it has no power to adopt policies which mean in effect expenditures for relief. Mr. Peebles strikes me as an artful and none too scrupulous political manipulator.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. G. C. Wilson,
Dundas, Ont.

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Dec. 17, 1932.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
c-o Ontario Hydro Electric Power Comm.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Honorable Sir:

This communication is to confirm my wire of today's date inviting you to address the citizens of St. Catharines, under the auspices of the St. Catharines Lions Club, on Wednesday evening next, December 21st..

If you are able to accept, the directors of our club would like you to have dinner with us at the Welland Hotel at 6.30 p.m.. After dinner we will proceed to the auditorium to hear your message.

Respectfully yours,

Percy M. Hulse

President.

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Lion's Club extend you an invitation to address citizens under our auspices, Wednesday evening December twenty-first. Dinner 6.30 P.M.. Please confirm by wire if convenient.

St. Catharines Lion's Club

Perce Hulse, President.

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RUSH DECEMBER 19th, 1932.

MR. P. HULSE,
PRESIDENT, LIONS CLUB
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WILL BE DELIGHTED TO ADDRESS CITIZENS UNDER YOUR AUSPICES ON WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER TWENTY-FIRST SIX THIRTY P.M.

ARTHUR MEIGHEN

CHARGE: H.E.P.C.

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December 19, 1932.

Answered by Hydro

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
University Avenue,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

It has been stated that the Ontario Hydro is buying enough surplus power to enable it to deliver free power to all the indigents in the Province. That is probably an exaggeration. I believe however that there is a great surplus of power according to the present rate of consumption.

I think it would be fair to estimate that the average Ontario householder spends $25.00 per annum on heating his domestic water supply. A very high proportion of this expense is for coal or gas, both of which involve payment of money outside the Province.

It would seem that a method whereby domestic boilers could be heated with an immersion heater at a flat rate of One Dollar per month (600 watt heater continuous would be adequate) would at once increase the revenues of hydro and to a greater extent rectify our adverse trade balance.

Might I respectfully suggest that the matter be investigated by persons in the hydro qualified to appraise the technical obstacles and the financial possibilities of the scheme.

Hydro is big enough to lead us up the hill.

Yours sincerely,

H/C

M. C. Hooper.

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December 21, 1932.

Mr. F.A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Mr. M.C. Hooper of this City.

Will you kindly draft reply for Mr. Meighen's signature.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary.

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RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, K.C.,P.C.
National Building,
Toronto - Ontario

Dear Mr. Meighen;

This letter will confirm my con - versation with you of to-day.

I understand the Hydro is hiring some men to go to the Abitibi works. A cousin of mine wants a position. He is 30 years old, good education and in his last employment was driving a coach for The Colaccutt Lines. Owing to reduction of staff his services were no longer required by them.

He is well recommended and I have no hesitation in suggesting him to you. I understand Mr. Gordon Pace of the Hydro is engaging the men. If you can do anything for him I will be obliged.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours very truly,

Frank Regan

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This Application for Employment is subject to conditions printed on back.

Name in Full..... Date.....

Address..... Telephone No.....

Date of Birth..... Married..... Nationality.....

Height..... Weight..... Physical Condition.....

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Position Desired..... Salary Expected.....

Education	Name of School and University	No. of Years	Year and Course
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High School			
University			
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Have you ever been employed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission?.....

Introduced to this Commission by .....

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Name of Employer	Date of Engagement	Date of Leaving	Position Held	Reasons for Leaving

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Signature of Applicant

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Applicants shall fill in this Application Form, giving full information of experience, with at least three references.

The undersigned will be paid according to qualifications on appointment, and must not leave the service without giving fifteen (15) days' notice in writing of his intention to do so. In the event of leaving without such notice, all claim for pay or accruing due will be forfeited.

Fifteen (15) days' notice of intention to dispense with the services of the undersigned, when permanently employed, will be given, but in cases of those on trial, and who have not been permanently appointed, one day's notice shall be sufficient. In the event of suspension for any irregularity or neglect of duty, pay will be stopped from that moment, and will not be allowed except in event of entire acquittal of the charges for which suspended.

Having carefully read over the above conditions, and subject to the said conditions, and which, upon being notified that my application is accepted, I hereby admit and declare shall be binding upon me in all respects. In witness whereof I have signed.

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Signature of Applicant.

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Senator Arthur Meighen
#57 Castle Frank Cr.
Toronto, Ontario

My dear Senator:-

Enclosed you will find a clipping from today's "Standard" and I will be glad if you will advise me, confidentially, whether you were present at this meeting.

Allow me to extend to you at this time of the year a very Merry Christmas, and that the best of your past will be the worse of your future.

Yours very sincerely,

W.B. Rollason

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January 3, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Mr. Frank Regan. He has spoken to me about this man and speaks very highly of him. Perhaps you would hand the letter to Mr. Pace.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

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Mr. Cooke's death is to me one of the saddest things that has happened in years.

I have never worked with, indeed have never known, a more faithful or conscientious public servant. While Chairman of the Hydro, Hydro was the only interest that meant anything to him. He lived for it, toiled for it without recess, and was loyal to it without reservation. Naturally inclined to a quiet retired life he was not anxious to continue in Hydro or in any public position, but he was proud of the work he had been able to do and of the soundness and strength in which he believed the Commission's affairs to be. I became a real admirer of the man.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A. CHAIRMAN
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C. COMMISSIONER
Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc. CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

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190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

January 4th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 3rd, enclosing that addressed to yourself by Mr. Frank Regan under date of December 30th, 1932, in behalf of his cousin, who is desirous of obtaining employment at the Abitibi Development.

I have taken this matter up with the Operating Department and find that there is at the present time no opening available for a man of the apparent experience of the applicant in question. You will appreciate that, from an operating standpoint, employment on this Development necessarily calls for special qualifications and, with regard to the construction work, - this will be completed by the end of the month insofar as the general contractor is concerned and men are being laid off at the present moment.

I am enclosing an application blank which Mr. Regan might care to send along to his cousin in order that he might complete the same and return it to the Commission for purposes of record should any suitable opening present itself in the future. As a matter offact, and for your own information, I may say that the Operating Department has nothing whatever to do with the engagement of employees at this stage of the proceedings.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Hydro

January 7, 1933.

Mr. W. B. Rollason,
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Mr. Rollason:

I am sorry your letter of 17th December in some way got mislaid at my house, and hence the delay in replying.

Yes, I was present at the meeting which authorized the letter being sent to the Brantford Commission, in reply to detailed questions of fact proposed by said Commission. The letter in reply was absolutely right in every detail.

I was expecting to see you while up in St. Catharines, and was sorry I did not have that good fortune.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION

190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

January 14th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your request of this morning, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith six copies of The Report of The Royal Commission Appointed to Inquire into Certain Matters concerning The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Yours very truly,

Sec'y, Chief Engineer's Office.

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January 14th, 1933.

Sir Alfred Morine,
302 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

As requested by the Hon. Mr. Meighen's office, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith one copy of the Report of The Royal Commission Appointed to Inquire into Certain Matters concerning The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Yours very truly,

Sec'y, Chief Engineer's Office.

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H. A. Morine
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803 STERLING TOWER
BAY AND RICHMOND STS.
TORONTO 2

TELEPHONE
ADELAIDE 3756

130037

Personal.

January 24, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Bldg.,
Bay Street,
Toronto 2.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I understand that Tenders are being considered this week in connection with the proposed new building on University Avenue, and if anything could be done when considering such tenders to help the Ritchie Cut Stone Co., it would be very pleasing and at the same time very desirable in many respects, as probably you are aware that these people like many others, are very heavily hit under the depressing conditions. So much so that it has been necessary for them to lay off their employees and in other cases, make such reductions in wages that they are not earning a living wage. If they are fortunate enough to secure the contract for the cut stone work on the Hydro building it would, as you will readily see, materially improve this condition for the present, in any case.

Thanking you for any consideration you can give this matter,

Yours very truly,

HAM/J.

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Hydro.

130038

January 25, 1933.

Mr. H. A. Morine,
803 Sterling Tower,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Morine:

I have your personal letter of 24th. Will keep in mind this Company, but I feel sure if the building is gone on with it will be on the basis of an out-and-out tender for the entire work.

Kindest regards,

Yours truly,

AM/E.

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347 Bay Street,
January 23, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

This is the sample sent to me in the letter from Mr. Waddell.

Yours very truly,

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January 30th, 1933.

Hydro

Rt.-Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Commissioner, H. E. P. C. of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

It is a very great pleasure to me, on behalf of the Hydro Associations, to express the appreciation of the members for your kindness in addressing our recent Convention.

May I also add my own personal thanks. I am,

Yours very truly,

T. J. Hannigan

Secretary.

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Hydro 130041

Ottawa, Ontario,
February 2, 1933.

Dear Mr. Regan:

I have yours of 31st.

I went into that matter but find that we are not employing the men at Abitibi. The work, I understand, is being done under the Dominion Construction Company who had the contract and whose organization was on hand. I was of the impression that I had answered in these terms at the time.

Sorry I cannot send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Frank Regan,
Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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FRANK REGAN
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ELGIN 3151-2

CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING
ROOMS 506-7-8

RESIDENCE PHONE ELGIN 0912

TORONTO 2,
CANADA

January
Thirty-One
Nineteen
Thirty-Three.

RT. HONOURABLE ARTHUR MEIGHEN,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, - Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen; PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

I wrote you some time ago about a relative by the name of Howard Hogle who wanted to go to work at The Abitibi project. I was wondering whether it would be possible that anything could be done for him in this respect.

If you have time I would appreciate it very much if you would drop me a line, letting me know if anything can be done for him. With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Frank Regan

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January 26, 1933

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Chairman Hydro Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Honourable Sir:

Re--Hydro Electric Commission Insurance.

There seems to be a feeling amongst the Insurance Agents that this Insurance has been handled in a very unfair manner.

The opinion we have is that a son of the Honourable Mr. Cooke, a member of the Commission, operating an agency known as, we believe, The Municipal Insurance Agency Limited, has controlled this business.

The writer would not like to create the impression in your mind that we would unfairly criticize the Commission, but we do feel that if these facts are true, it is time for a showdown, and that this Insurance should be split up and given to agents all over the Province who are in the opinion you gentlemen entitled to consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. H. Gardner.
Secretary East Middlesex
Conservative Association.

N.B. This letter has no connection with the Association, but is the writer's personal matter.

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February 3, 1933.

Mr. Geo. R. Gardner,
Secretary,
East Middlesex Conservative Association,
East Middlesex Co., Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am sorry that absence from the City has delayed reply to your letter of 26th.

If opinion in your district is as stated it must be badly misinformed. First of all the Chairman of the Hydro Commission has no son living, nor so far as I know has he any relative of any kind in the organization, and no relative of any of the Commissioners is obtaining insurance business directly or indirectly, to the best of my knowledge. The placing of the insurance is done entirely from the standpoint of the good of the Municipalities as a whole, and is dealt with very carefully.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. COMMISSIONER.

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Terrazzo Workers, Elgin 7709.
Terrazza Workers Helpers, Elgin 7709.
Painters and Decorators, Local 557, El. 6998.

January 26th 1933.

The Honourable, Arthur Meighan,
Provincial Hydro Commissioner,
University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Honourable Sir:-

In further reference to the matter of The New Hydro Building , which I discussed with you over the phone to day, I might say that everybody is aware that the work is very badly needed at, present, our executive feels that if the building could be proceeded with, immediatley, it would give great impetus, to much other work.

There is at present in sight for the Spring in addition to your building, the Armouries, The Womens College Hospital, The Filtration Plant, (started) Incinerators Symes Road(started) Local Hydro(ready for mechanical trades) retaining wall for new waterworks (contract let) Pump House for new waterworks(to be let.

There is much other work, such as new terminals (street railway) for exhibition, and provincial insnae asylum buildings which are assured by Premier Henry.

Such private work as there is in contemplation would receive the necessary stimulas if the Provincial Hydro, proceed.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,

I remain yours very truly.

Wm Hanley
.....
Secretary,
Toronto Building Trades Council.

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February 3, 1933.

Mr. Wm. Varley,
Secretary,
Toronto Building Trades Council,
167 Church St.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have been away, hence the delay in acknowledging your letter of 26th. You may rest assured the subject matter is receiving very earnest attention, especially from the viewpoint of labour. There are certain special difficulties at the present time due to exchange, and the Commission as a consequence is withholding decision to proceed farther. Am sorry not to be able to send a more favourable reply.

Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER.

AM/E.

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114 ~~90~~ BLOOR ST. W.
TORONTO

AUGUSTA FLEMING
INTERIOR ARCHITECT & DECORATOR

KINGSDALE
2929

February 4th 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Esq.
National Building.
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

May I introduce myself as a daughter of O. E. Fleming of Windsor whom you know. And I am writing to ask you about the decorating of the new Hydro Building. I did the curtains and furnishings of the Canada Life Building two years ago, and Mr. Hastie of the Canada Life would tell you of my work there. I should be very glad to have the curtains in your new building, and the selection of any rugs or furnishings you may be needing, hoping that I may have an appointment with you to discuss this matter,

Very Truly Yours,
Augusta Fleming

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347 Bay Street,
Toronto, March 6, 1933.

Miss Auguste Fleming,
114 Bloor St. West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Miss Fleming:

I have your letter of 4th.

The Hydro Commission has not yet decided to go on with the construction of the new building. Exchange and other special circumstances convince them it would be wise to withhold decision for a time. When you observe in the press that decision has been made to go ahead with the building, I would be glad if you would communicate with me then and I will immediately take the matter up with the Chief Engineer.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
February 9, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Stafford R. Rudd, with attached correspondence.

Would you kindly have reply prepared for me, which I hope will be long enough to be convincing?

Yours very truly,

Hepburn Extra Strong

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
120 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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130030

Arnprior, Ont., January 28th, 1933.

The Manager,
Hydro Electric Commission,
ARNPRIOR.

Dear Sir:

As you are aware I have by mistake been paying commercial rates on electric current supplied to apartments on the third story of my block. I did not notice this until the last bill came in, and drew your attention to it. I am now advised you do not purpose making the rebate. I might advise you I insist on it, and had it been the other way round I am sure you would have insisted. This floor space was occupied for years as lodge rooms, I simply put gyproc partitions in it, using the same wiring, same lights, and the same meter, but for domestic purposes, and I am entitled to the proper rate and usage. These apartments have not been occupied more than 25% of the time, and then only on monthly basis, at ridiculously low rates, and the tenants refuse absolute to pay $5.00 in advance for meter, consequently I pay the lighting, and I want the treatment I am entitled to.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Stafford R. Rudd,

Stafford R. Rudd.

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HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

OF ONTARIO.

190 University Avenue,
Toronto 2.

February 3, 1933.

Mr. S. R. Rudd,

ARNPRIOR, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ARNPRIOR

Mr. Derham has forwarded a copy of your letter to him of Jan. 28th regarding electrical charges for your block.

Your reasoning is that since you changed a lodge meeting room to apartments for domestic use, that you should be billed on domestic rates. We are quite willing to bill on domestic rates provided you conform to domestic rate conditions which require that you install individual services to the tenants. Where service is given to a number of consumers on one meter, it is our standard practice to bill on commercial rates.

In as much as you have been billed correctly there can be no question of a rebate.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) F. A. Gaby,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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G.F. Drury.

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130052

Ottawa, Ontario,
February 7, 1933.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Attached letter from J. L. Murray has been received since the one I sent to you last week. I forgot to mention this subject at Friday's meeting, but will on Friday next.

Yours very truly,

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Chairman, Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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130053

February 10, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

The writer of the attached letter wrote complaining about us placing insurance through a Company in which the son of the Chairman was Manager. I wrote telling him he was misinformed.

Would you please draft for me a letter in reply to the attached.

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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130054

February 11, 1933.

Mr. Johnston MacAdams,
731 Hamilton Avenue,
Palo Alto,
California, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. MacAdams:

I have your letter of 24th January. Am very glad indeed to hear from you and remember quite well meeting you in Sarnia.

Am rather surprised at the fact that the Hydro officials did not reply to your letter and especially make acknowledgment of the manuscript. Am certain the explanation will be satisfactory, and will find it out and write later perhaps more fully.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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130055

February 11, 1933.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Chairman,
Hydro Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is letter addressed to me by Mr. Johnston MacAdams of California, together with letter from Mr. Gaby to him; also copy of my reply.

After reading this correspondence, will you kindly hand it to Mr. Gaby?

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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FEBRUARY 14, 1933

Mr. A.N. Armbrust,
Clerk - Pelham Township,
FENWICK - Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 7th in connection with rates in rural power districts, I am advised that a study of the rates in all rural power districts is being made at the present time by the engineers of the Commission and within the next few weeks these reports should be completed and before the Commission for consideration. If at that time any reduction can be made in the rates in the Welland Rural Power District, you can be assured that such reduction will be approved and put into effect at the earliest possible moment.

The matter of rates in the rural power districts is a matter of continual study by the engineers of the

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February 14, 1933

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Mr. A.N. Armbrust,
Clerk - Pelham Township,
FENWICK - Ontario

Commission, and it is the desire of the Commission to supply electric service to the farmer at the lowest possible cost.

A number of new uses for power on the farm have recently been developed, such as grinding grain and heating water, and with the increased uses the saving to the farmer may work out to a very considerable amount over the cost of this service by other means.

Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER

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Clerk - Pelham Township,
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Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER

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Clerk - Pelham Township,

FENWICK - Ontario.

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February 14, 1933

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Mr. A.N. Armbrust,
Clerk - Pelham Township,
FENWICK - Ontario

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Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER

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A. N. ARMBRUST
CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF PELHAM
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MONEY TO LOAN

PHONE 6-R3
RIDGVEILLE EXCHANGE

130062

FENWICK, ONT., Feb. 7th, 1933.

R. T. Jeffery
Mgr.
FEB 13 1933

☐ FOR ATTENTION
☑ FOR COMMENTS
☐ FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
☐ FOR ANSWER
☐ FOR REPORT

FEB 13 1933
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Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Chairman, Hydro Electric Power Comm.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

The Pelham Township Council have instructed me to write you in regard to matters concerning the administration of the Hydro Electric Power System in rural districts.

1.- It is the opinion of the Council that it would be to the best interest of both the Hydro Commission and the local consumer that a sliding scale of lower rates be charged to all consumers who use electricity for other than lighting purposes. Under the present rate the consumer who uses electricity for a range and other appliances finds that the cost of the same very high.

In our Township we have the Dominion Natural Gas Company, who furnish gas at a fixed price for each 1,000 feet of consumption, and who, we are informed, are about to introduce a sliding scale, charging a fixed price for the first 10,000 feet of gas consumption, with a reduction in the price for the second 10,000 feet, and a further reduction in the price of all gas over 20,000 feet consumed. As soon as this rate comes into effect, the hydro consumer will be at a serious disadvantage, and we feel it would be almost impossible to get prospective consumers to sign contracts under present hydro rates. It is generally understood the Hydro Electric Power Commission have a surplus of power for which there is no market, would it not be possible to amend the hydro rates along the lines proposed by the Dominion Natural Gas Company, so that the larger consumers of hydro power would be on a more nearly equal basis with the consumers of natural gas. Under present financial conditions, it would seem that a reduction of rates is necessary to induce prospective consumers to contract for power, and also to prevent some of our present consumers from asking to have their contracts cancelled.

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FENWICK, ONT., Feb. 7th, 1933.

2.- According to the 24th annual report of the Hydro Electric Power Commission, the commission is holding a considerable sum of money to be credited to the Welland Rural Power District. The Council feel that now would be an opportune time to distrubute this surplus among the consumers, many of whom are finding it rather difficult to meet their hydro bills, and it would also have a beneficial effect in inducing prospective consumers to contract for Hydro Electric Power.

Trusting that the foregoing will be viewed by you as suggestions from a Municipality interested in the success of the rural distribution of Hydro Electric Power, I remain

ANA/MR

Yours truly,

A. N. Armbrust

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February 14th, 1933

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

G. F. D.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Parliament Buildings,
O T T A W A, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am enclosing, herewith, draft letter dated February 13th to Mr. Stafford R. Rudd, in compliance with your request of February 9th respecting correspondence with this gentleman. I am also returning the correspondence you have received from Mr. Rudd.

Yours very truly,

Chief Engineer

GFD/F

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February 16th, 1933

The Honourable George S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Henry:-

Referring to your communication of February 11th, with which you enclosed a letter received by you from Mr. Stafford R. Rudd of Arnprior complaining of certain charges for the use of lighting service in his apartments; I am taking the liberty of sending you herewith a suggested draft letter addressed to Mr. Rudd, and also a copy of a letter that was prepared for Mr. Meighen's signature in answer to a similar communication addressed to him by Mr. Rudd.

Yours very truly,

CHAIRMAN.

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Draft Letter for Premier's Signature

February 16th, 1933.

Mr. Stafford R. Rudd,
Arnprior,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Rudd:-

I have before me your letter of February 10th, complaining of excessive lighting charges for your apartments in Arnprior.

The matters discussed in your communication have, I understand, been submitted in greater detail to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for attention and I am also advised that an answer to your contentions is being forwarded by it. I believe it is the desire of the Commission to give you every consideration in connection with your problems, but you will appreciate that the Commission has to handle its affairs in such a way that all customers of like classification may be treated uniformly in order to avoid a possible charge of discrimination.

I have no doubt the Commission will give this matter its fullest attention and will be able to explain to your satisfaction the reasons for such billing as has been made, and that it will make any corrections that may be found necessary.

This is a matter that is entirely under the jurisdiction of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and I would suggest that any further communications in connection therewith be addressed to the Hon. J.R. Cooke, Chairman thereof.

Yours very truly,

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February 14th, 1933.

G.F.D.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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TOWN OF ARNPRIOR

See also F.G. Galy file

February 7th, 1933.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Private & Confidential

Dear Mr. Meighan:

You will remember me as I have met you on several occasions.

You are a member of the Hydro Commission, and there is a very great deal of dissatisfaction owing to the attitude of the Hydro and the rates they are charging. It has come home to me recently.

The second floor of a block of mine was idle, having previously been occupied by the Orange Lodge and Catholic Forresters. I conceived the idea of putting in partitions through the lodge rooms and making apartments. I found it difficult to rent, and then at a very low rate. The electric wiring and number of lamps were just the same as previously. These lodges had one meter and divided the cost. I continued the same from August 26th, 1931, not noticing or giving notice to the Hydro, although their man read the meters and knew they were apartments and should have been domestic rating. I have been paying commercial rates up to the last bill rendered up to December 20th, 1932. This bill was 69 K.W.H. @ 8¢ - $5.52, 69 K.W.H. @ 5¢ - $3.45, 283 K.W.H.@ 2¢ - $5.66, Total $14.63, less $146 if paid within 10 days, Net $13.17. I notified the Secretary of the Hydro here, he was very pleasant about it, and said there was a nice rebate coming to me, which was only reasonable. Afterwards he advised me he had written the Hydro and they had demanded that this place be rewired, a meter be put in each apartment or otherwise they would continue to charge me commercial rates. Now I have not had more than an average of one of these apartments occupied for the past year, and I cannot afford this expense, which is unnecessary, and has not been exercised for years, and further, if these meters were placed in the apartments the Hydro would demand a deposit of $5.00 each time a tenant went in, and these tenants very often do not stay more than a month at a time, and in many instances they have not got the $5.00 nor money to pay rent in advance, therefore I would be debarred from even the tenants I get, they would go somewhere else, and besides that they cannot and will not pay commercial rates.

I wrote the Hydro, copy of which I enclose, and it would appear as if I was penalized for daring to do it, and enclose copy of their reply.

They also forwarded me a new account for the same

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consumption, but instead of $13.17, $30.01, made up as follows, 410 K.W.H. @ 8¢ - $32.80, 11 K.W.H. @ 5¢ - 55¢, Total $33.35, less 10% if paid within 10 days $3.34, Net $30.01.

Now Mr. Meighan I do not think there is any other institution on earth that would dare to do anything like this, and in my opinion the high handed way things are being handled means the defeat of our present Government. I travel a very great deal and there is a very strong feeling both by power users and the users of light.

Now I am putting this matter before you. Sorry to trouble you indeed, but I think you as a business man would feel just as I feel about it. There should be some relief from some quarter.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,

Stafford R. Rudd

Stafford R. Rudd.

P.S. The Secretary tells me today the change of amount is because of the connected load. I have no more sockets than ever and two-thirds of them have not been turned on in six months, and not as many as there would be in an ordinary private house.

S.R.R.

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Draft letter prepared
as of Feb 13/33

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130071

February 13th, 1933

Mr. S. R. Rudd,
Arnprior, Ontario

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of February 7th respecting your electric lighting account and have investigated this matter.

Your complaint is that you are being billed on commercial rates instead of domestic rates since you changed your building from lodge rooms to domestic apartments.

As you know, the Commission exercise jurisdiction over rates in municipalities which take power from the Commission, and you will appreciate that there must be uniformity in the treatment of all consumers; otherwise, some must be billed unjustly. Power for lighting is divided into two classes, domestic and commercial and it is the standard practice that domestic rates shall apply to apartments which have a meter installed on each apartment, but when only one meter is installed to measure the amount consumed, it is billed on commercial rates. To bill you on domestic rates on your building would give you preferred treatment and I assume I am correct in thinking you would not ask for this when you understand the basis of the method of classification as above explained.

Your letter states that you were in communication with our Secretary at Arnprior in regard to your classification and that he stated there was a rebate coming to you.

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My information on this point is that he stated there would be a rebate to you if you were to be billed on domestic rates and to make sure of this, that he would have the matter taken up with Head Office. This was done, and our Arnprior office acted in accordance with instructions from Toronto.

You refer to the fact that the Commission would require a deposit of $5.00 from each tenant and at the same time point out that these tenants very often do not stay more than a month at a time. I think you will realize that the "Bad Debts" accounts would grow to a very large size, in such circumstances if the standard practice of asking for a deposit were not enforced.

I hope, from the foregoing, that you will see that the Commission could not do otherwise than they have done.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) R.T.J. COMMISSIONER

AGC/ET

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62 DUNDAS ST.

PHONES MET. 7405
MET. 8380

February 6, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.K.C.,
Commissioner Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Was indeed pleased with the contents of your letter re Hydro Insurance.

Am certainly glad to hear that we were misinformed in this matter.

I would, however, appreciate the information as to whether there is a distribution of this valuable business with different agents through the Province, or whether it is placed through a Toronto firm or firms.

Yours very truly,

GEO. R. GARDNER.

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AUCTIONEER * REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE * LONDON ONT.

Aunt Mary
Mulligan
Feb 1923

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Mr. ..... Mr. .....
Mr. Meighen In ..... days
Mr. ..... From .....
Mr. ..... O.K. to File .....

February 15th, 1933.

Mr. George R.Gardner,
62 Dundas Street,
London, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 6th, as to distribution of Hydro insurance throughout the Province; I beg to say that the Commission through Municipal Underwriters Limited distributes through a large number of agents - I understand in all some hundreds - the insurance carried by the Commission and these agents place it with the various Companies that they represent.

Some years ago, as the result of the Gregory Commission Inquiry, the Commission asked for expert opinion as to the best methods of taking care of its insurance. The unanimous opinion given was that it should be taken care of through one brokerage firm. This appeared to be the practically universal practice of large corporations, and in accordance with this, Hydro insurance has since been placed through Municipal Underwriters.

Yours truly,

COMMISSIONER.

Prepared for Mr.Meighen's signature.

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February 15th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Meeting your request of the 10th instant, asking that a draft letter, for your signature, be prepared to Mr. George H. Gardner, in reply to his of February 6th; enclosed herewith please find what might be considered a suitable reply to this communication.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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February 17, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from William Orser, with copy of my reply. It seems to me we should give preference to married men with families. If on this principle something can be done to meet this case, it would apparently be very desirable.

You might kindly prepare reply.

Yours truly,

AM/E.

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R.R. No. 2 130070
Coldwater, Ont.
Feb. 13

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
Toronto

Rt. Hon. Sir :—

As I know you are a Westerner, I believe you will still retain some of the Western spirit of fair play, that has not been smothered out, by a residense in Toronto, hence my few lines.

For some years past I have been doing line work, employed as lineman for the H.E.P.C. of Ont. I have not had a days work with the Commission since

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a year ago last summer, when we completed a job at Wiarton, Bruce Co. I am a Canadian, a married man with 4 small children, I see that single men have been working as linemen, I called at the office of the Line Const. Dept on Elm St. Toronto in the fall for work, was given a promise that never materialized.

I also have worked with the operating, and Hydraulic Dept. I fully realize that a single man has to live as well as a married man, but some single men have been working, whom I personally know have no responsibilitys outside their own maintainence.

I have Hon. Sir four small children all under the age of 10 years, besides my wife who is nursing a small baby at the present time.

I am going to ask you to open a door for me, a door to a job of some description

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with the Commission, These Kiddies are in need of warmer clothes, and food, as well as this nursing mother

I am capable of doing any class of line work, as my past work will show, also capable of going into any power house and handling any situation that may arise as well as the protection and maintainence of high class electrical equipment, also used to working on both horizonal and vertical machines.

Regarding hydraulic work I can handle all class of rock or dirt excavation, also handle powder, have made a complete and exhaustive study of explosives and have the very best credentials re same.

I mention this as I have heard that some work is being done on the Abitibi Development, or about to be done by the Comm.

You may think Sir that I have considerable gall in posting this letter to you

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But I have also gall enough to try and get something to do, also under the impression that one word from you would be worth a whole book from me, so if I have made any mistake, I have done so for the sake of these kiddies and my wife, not for any personal selfishness.

You might want to know why I dont go on relief. I wish to point out that the municipality I live in (Medonte Twp. Simcoe Co.) does not appear to have any definite policy of relief, they have no arrangement with the Gov. re same There are only a handful on relief in the whole township, the council gives potatoes and bread, I have never asked for one hour relief beside's a woman nursing a small baby needs more sustenance than that. In the past I have been in all parts of our province in the service of the Commission

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So do not hesitate to send me to the Canyon or anyplace that you can. I am also open to investigation, criticism or advice.

I perhaps should mention that my services with Hydraulic Dept. date back to 1919 - 1920 - 1921 at Chippewa Canal, but have done rock and dirt excavation, with machinery and by hand for other concerns, also specializing in line work, and power house work

trusting that you may see fit Hon. Sir to favor me with a reply

I remain yours very sincerely

Wilfred S. Orser
R.R. No. 2
Coldwater
Ont.

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347 Bay Street,
February 16, 1933.

Mr. Wilfred S. Orser,
R. R. No. 2,
Coldwater, Ont.

Dear Mr. Orser:

I just received your letter of 13th which I have read with interest and certainly with sympathy. It is distressing indeed to know that so many are in a similar position to yourself at this time, and I can assure you it is exceedingly difficult for those charged with responsibility to deal with the situation.

I am communicating with the Hydro Commission at once, but do notwish to mislead you, and, therefore, will say that it is exceedingly difficult for Hydro to increase its staff now. It may be, however, that some adjustment can be made. The employment of the men is entirely under the heads of the Departments concerned.

I may say that the work at the Abitibi Canyon is not being done by Hydro, but by the construction company which had charge under the Ontario Power Service Company.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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February 16th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to your recent request for the preparation of a letter for forwarding over your signature to Mr. S. R. Rudd of Arnprior, Ontario; I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of letter received by Mr.Cooke from the Premier in respect of the same matter, together with copy of the Chairman's acknowledgment and our suggested reply to Mr.Rudd.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
February 20, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Herewith is another letter from Mr. Budd of Arnprior dated the 17th February.

There is a matter which appears to be new, toward the end of the first and on the second page.

I think it worth while to give every possible attention to these complaints, and will be glad if a further reply were prepared and sent mehere.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

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February 21st, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of February 20th, together with letter addressed to you by Mr. Rudd of Arnprior under date of February 17th. I am having this matter investigated immediately and a letter prepared for your signature as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Copy of reply sent to Mrs. MacAdams
has already been handed to dec.
Meighen.

Jno. 22.33

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This Copy for; Hon. Mr. Meighen.

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Toronto

LETTER MAILED
FEB 16 1933
To be Filed.....
Initialed O.K.....

February 14th, 1933.

R. T. J.

Mr. J. M. McAdams,
341 Madrono Avenue,
Palo Alto, California,
U. S. A.

Dear Sir:-

Your recent letter, addressed to the Honourable Mr. Meighen, regarding the matter of "Hydro Publicity" has been referred to the Engineering Department and in reply would say that the question of handling the publicity of the Hydro Commission is still under consideration.

We have carefully read your Report enclosed with your letter of July 2nd, and your Report, along with others of a similar nature, is being held until a method of handling Hydro Publicity has been finally decided upon. As you state in your letter, however, that you can at this time make use of the Report, I am returning same to you and must apologize for the unavoidable delay in reaching a final decision in this connection.

Yours very truly,

RTJ:M.

CHIEF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER.

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Dear Senator: You will remember me as former publisher of the Conservative paper in Carnia. We met last at the home of my sister, Mrs. Hanna, (widow of Hon. W. J. Hanna) with Albert Johnston, et al.

If you have opportunity I would like you to glance over the letter and article in your Hydro files referred to in my routine letter herewith.

Canadians over here are proud of Hydro but worried over the bitterness of U.S. banking interests. We are glad to see a Canadian of your principle and penetration on the Commission. Good Luck.

Macadam

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Palo Alto, California, Jan. 24th, 1935.
731 Hamilton Avenue.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
Toronto.

Dear Senator Meighen :

Some months ago the attached letter was sent me, containing a pleasing reference to an article of mine which had been published in a New York magazine. I judged that the Commission or the Sales Department perhaps were interested in building up an informed appreciation of what Hydro has accomplished for the Ontario public, and was glad that my article had been thought worthy of republication in The Hydro Bulletin.

With my reply to this letter I forwarded a brief typescript entitled " Hydro and the Ontario Public " which analyzed certain special factors, favorable and unfavorable, which constantly impinge upon Ontario's good-will toward the enterprise, the purpose being to make clear my angle of approach, as an experienced student of public relations, in case further writing might be up for consideration.

For some puzzling reason there has been no reply to my letter, no acknowledgment of the manuscript, and no reply to a later letter.

I assume that this was due merely to a slip, and that no lack of courtesy was intended, but at present it happens that I have a use for the manuscript referred to and I take the liberty of asking you to facilitate its return to me, in case there has been a mix-up between departments.

Yours very truly

Johnston MacAdams

Johnston MacAdams.

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May 11th, 1932.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF
G. J. Mickler,
Sales Department.

Mr. J. M. McAdams,
Madrono Avenue,
Polo Alto,
California.

Dear Sir:-

We were very much interested in the article which you wrote in connection with the Hydro-Electric System of Sarnia, so much so, that we have reproduced the article entitled "The Lights of Sarnia" in the current issue of the Hydro Bulletin.

We have occasion from time to time to write articles of a similar nature about other municipalities and about our own activities and it occurred to us that you may be in a position to write up some interesting phases of Hydro operation if given the opportunity.

The distance which separates us at the present time of course is a handicap and we are wondering if you comtemplate coming back to Ontario in the near future. If you do, we will be glad to have you call at our office and talk the matter over.

Would you be kind enough to let us know when you next expect to be in this neighborhood?

Awaiting the favour of an early reply, we are

Yours truly,

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO.

Chief Engineer,
Per:

GJM:MT.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO. .....

DATE February 15th, 1933

MEMORANDUM TO HON. J. R. COOKE.

SUBJECT .....

Toronto re J. L. Murray - Taxes

The attached letters of January 31st and February 7th from the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen to yourself, with respect to school taxes on property in the Province of Quebec held in Mr. Gilmour's name in trust for the Commission, were referred to me for attention.

In accordance with the instructions of the Commission, the School Commissioners in the Village of Portage du Fort have been advised that the school taxes are to be divided between the two classes of schools, Protestant and Catholic, in the same proportion as the Government grant to the said schools is divided. This has the effect of dividing the school taxes between the respective schools in the same manner as such taxes would be divided if the lands were held directly in the name of the Commission.

Attached you will find copies of letters written respectively to the Secretary-Treasurer of the School Commissioners of the said Village by Mr. Gilmour and to Mr. Georges Caron, Solicitor for the Trustees of the dissentient schools, by Mr. Pope.

H. G. Leys

HGM/EP

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February 11th, 1933.

Chas. Brinkworth, Esq.,
Secretary-Treasurer,
School Commissioners,
Portage du Fort,
Quebec.

Dear Sir: Re: Lots 236, 250 to 256, 258, 259 to 263 and Parts of lot 78 - Portage du Fort, Que.

In accordance with Section 427 of Chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes of Quebec, 1925, I, being the registered owner of the above mentioned lots, hereby declare my intention of dividing the school assessments on the said property between the school under control of the Commissioners and those under control of the Board of Trustees, in the same proportion as the Government grant is divided between the said school commissioners and the said trustees as provided by Section 309 of said Chapter 133.

Yours truly,

HGM/H. J. W. GILMOUR.

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February 11th, 1933.

Georges Caron, Esq.,
Barrister,
Campbell's Bay, Que.

Dear Sir: Re: Lots 236, 250 to 256, 258, 259 to 263 and Parts of lot 78 - Portage du Fort, Que.

Referring to your letter of November 10th, 1932, I would advise that a letter, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, has been forwarded by Mr. Gilmour, in whose name the above lots are registered, to the Secretary-Treasurer of the School Commissioners of Portage du Fort.

The Commission trusts that this notice will satisfactory settle the matter of the division of taxes on this property in the said municipality. If the said letter is not sufficient for the purpose intended, I would be pleased if you will kindly advise me so that anything further which is required may be done.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY.

HGM/H.

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Mr Lithgow
Please see Mr. Galvyre
this

Ottawa, Ontario,
February 7, 1933.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Attached letter from J. L. Murray has been received since the one I sent to you last week. I forgot to mention this subject at Friday's meeting, but will on Friday next.

Yours very truly,

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Chairman, Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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J. L. MURRAY
RENFREW, ONT.

Feb. 1st, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Thanks for yours of 31st ultimo re Hydro.

Since writing you on 30th ultimo, I have received a further communication from a gentleman of integrity and standing, whose name I am not free to make public at the moment, and who says: - "It appears to be common knowledge that the real owner of the property is the aforesaid Ontario Hydro Electric Commission: the following being the reasons which justify this conviction:-

1. Taxes both for municipal and for school purposes, have been paid by official cheques from the Hydro: this I am told by those whose official standing enable them to know.

2. To check the common conviction that the Hydro owned the property, a gentleman wrote purposely, though not disclosing his purpose, to the Hydro, alleging that he knew of an opportunity to sell this water-power, and asking if the Hydro would sell. The answer he received was <u>not</u> that Mr. Gilmour owned the property, and that consequently the Hydro had nothing to do with it, <u>but</u> that the Hydro "does not at the present time consider the sale of any part of this water-power site"."

From the foregoing you will more readily appreciate that the matter is rolling along and that the facts are rapidly becoming public.

I have requested the gentleman who sent me the foregoing information to withhold taking any action, until certain negotiations now under way have been exhausted, without in any way indicating where or how these negotiations

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Yours very truly,

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Portage du Fort, Que.
Jan. 24th, 1933.

Mr. J. L. Murray,
Renfrew, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I saw in the Ottawa Morning Journal where you stated at a Meeting held in Renfrew Sunday, that you believed no public or protestant school Board wished to take any taxes from Catholics.

I am glad you made this statement at a public meeting and that the press published it, - As we Catholics here in Portage are treated very unjustly by some Protestants that are running the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission. For when the Hydro Commission bought the power here at Portage from M.J.O'Brien Ltd. along with the Madawaska Power, the Hydro had this power here at Portage registered at Campbell's Bay in the name of J. W. Gilmour, their treasurer, in place of having it in their own name. As Mr. Gilmour is a Protestant, the Protestant school Board are receiving all the taxes for the past three or more years.

The Catholic school trustees have written the Hydro Commission several times but have received no reply.

Therefore some protestants are not what you claim and those are men supposed to be honorable men and men of high standing. We are tyring to get our rights in a friendly way, but if not we will have to take action.

Do you think you could help us any Mr. Murray? If not what about your statement at Meeting?

I thank you, and I hope to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) CAPTAIN J. A. TONER.

Box 4.

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Mr Sutherland

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☑ FOR COMMENTS
☐ FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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Ottawa, Ontario,
January 31, 1933.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is a letter received from J. L. Murray of the M. J. O'Brien Company. I believe he is a son-in-law of Mr. O'Brien.

The subject of these school taxes is certainly one that might cause all sorts of trouble, and I think we should very carefully consider the viewpoint presented by Mr. Murray and Captain Toner. Possibly it would be worth while to have a report from Mr. Gaby on it at the next meeting.

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M.J. O'BRIEN, LIMITED

OFFICE
O'BRIEN OPERA HOUSE BLOCK
RENFREW, ONT.

CABLE ADDRESS
"CALABOGIE"
OTTAWA

KINDLY ADDRESS
ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE COMPANY

Jany. 30th, 1933

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
OTTAWA - Ont.

My Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re Ontario Hydro, and the undeveloped water power purchased from M.J.O'Brien Ltd., and located at Portage du Fort, province of Quebec, please note copy of attached letter to me from Mr. J. A. Toner, relative to the school taxes.

The facts are as stated by Mr. Toner. In the transfer of title it was my understanding that Hydro wanted the property in Gilmour's name either because Ontario Hydro could not legally hold property in Quebec, or because of a well intended desire to keep private the news that this province of Quebec power had been actually acquired by Ontario Hydro.

For your personal information, in passing, let me say the Ontario Hydro, at Portage, now actually control the Ottawa river from one provincial shore to the other, - quite an achievement.

However, it seems to me that it is bad politics for the Ontario Hydro to refuse to apportion the school taxes on this Quebec power.

If the property was registered in the name of Ontario Hydro, the taxes would automatically go into the neutral panel, and be divided pro rata, based on school attendance, between the public and separate schools of the Portage du Fort school sections.

If the property is to remain registered in Gilmour's name, he should advise the School Assessor that he is holding the property in trust for a public utility corporation, and request that the taxes be entered in the neutral panel for school purposes. That would be the fair way, and the proper way, and the simplest way.

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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. Jan. 30/33.

Should Ontario Hydro continue its present attitude, as reported by Mr. Toner, then there are possibilities for a real row, and the opening up of a whole lot of things that cannot benefit anybody. It would be just too bad to find the Quebec government and the Ontario government getting into a legal batter over the taxes of a tiny country school because the affair has possibilities of a much further reaching and with many and diversified ramifications. Your experience, and knowledge of men, and things, will readily enable you to see the point.

I trust you will bring about an adjustment and I will be glad to advise Mr. Toner to that effect.

Yours sincerely,

J. L. Murray
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Ottawa, Ontario,
January 31, 1933.

J. L. Murray, Esq.,
M. J. O'Brien Limited,
Renfrew, Ont.

Dear Mr. Murray:

I have your letter of 30th. It is the first time the subject has been brought to my attention. I will see that the viewpoint you present is given immediate consideration.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., Chairman
C. Alfred Maguire, Commissioner
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., Commissioner
Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., Chief Engineer

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

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February 24th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:- re Orser

Having made an investigation in reference to Mr. William Orser, a letter from whom you forwarded to me under date of February 13th, together with your communication of February 17th, I would advise you as follows:

Upon taking the matter up with the department in which this man was employed, I find that although his work was satisfactory his habits were not altogether so, thus making it necessary for him to leave one job and work under another foreman. He was not laid off due to unsatisfactory workmanship but on account of it being necessary to reduce the number of our employees, and as he was one of the last comers, having only been with us some three years, while other married men in the Commission's employ had been on its payroll for from 12 to 15 years.

The statement that we have kept on single men in preference to married men is not correct; investigation having shown that we laid off all the single

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February 24th, 1933.

men except in one instance, and in the laying off of married men seniority was always taken into consideration.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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February 28, 1933.

Dr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Gaby:

Enclosed is copy of letter just received from the Hon. Ernest Lapointe. It is dated the 27th instant. Am also enclosing "Le Canada" of the same date, with the address referred to by Mr. Lapointe.

Would you be good enough to have the material asked for by Mr. Lapointe prepared, that is, material in answer to the specific comparisons made by Mr. Beaudry, and especially those relating to rural rates in Ontario as compared to Quebec.

If this could be ready for tomorrow by five o'clock, I could sign the return letter myself. If not, would you kindly send the material over your signature.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, February 27th, 1933.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
347 Bay St.,
TORONTO, Ont.

My dear Meighen:

I am sending you herewith the report of a lecture given in Montreal by Adrien Beaudry, Chairman of the Public Service Commission of the Province of Quebec, on Public Utilities.

As you will see if you read it, you will note that he is not very impartial for the presiding officer of a quasi judicial body. He gives statistics to the effect that the rural rates are much higher in Ontario than they are in Quebec.

I would like you to submit those figures to some officers of your Commission for their comment and I would be glad to have it this week if possible. The debate in the Quebec Legislature on the Bill of Quebec City will come next week and I know I will have to meet statistics as those made by Beaudry.

With anticipated thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Lapointe

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I. B. Lucas, K.C. GENERAL SOLICITOR

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February 28th, 1933

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Personal

Dear Mr. Meighen: Re: H. H. Lucas - Application for appointment as Licensed Trustee

I am mailing to-day my formal reply to Mr. Reilley that you read yesterday. I am also writing him a personal letter, a copy of which I enclose so that you may know what I have said to him, before again mentioning the matter to him.

Yours truly,

I. B. Lucas

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February 28th, 1933

Mr. W. J. Reilley,
Superintendent of Bankruptcy,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Personal and
Confidential

Dear Mr. Reilley: Re: H. H. Lucas - Application to be licensed as a Trustee in Bankruptcy.

By this mail I am making the formal reply to your letter of the 24th instant.

Since dictating the above letter to you I am told that Mr. Mills, or Messrs. Mills and Patterson, who I think are partners, of Hanover, have been licensed. If this is correct, then you have in Mr. Fleming of Owen Sound and Mr. Mills, or Mills and Patterson, of Hanover, representatives of the two strongest and most active Liberal families in the county.

I have no criticism to offer as to either of these appointments, nor can I imagine any local criticism to the appointment of Mr. H. H. Lucas, who is not my son, but my brother's son.

I have in my mind at the moment a farmer in the southern part of the county who is hopelessly insolvent, although his farm and chattels were free of encumbrances two

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months ago, and although no one has sued him, he has been so badly worried for the past year and a half that he is a "nervous breakdown" case to-day. It would be much better for the creditors and better for him to wind up and make a fresh start rather than struggle on against an absolutely intolerable burden of debt.

I know intimately the circumstances of a number of farmers in Grey County whose financial position is absolutely hopeless, and it does seem to me that, in the interests of the public, the creditors and the individual farmer, this man should have the means and the facilities, under proper, common-sense advice, to compromise with creditors or make an assignment, clean up and make a fresh start.

I know of no person better qualified, by reason of intimate knowledge of farming conditions, experience and high local reputation, than is the applicant for this license, H. H. Lucas.

Yours truly,

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
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190 University Avenue, Toronto

March 1st, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr.Meighen:-

I am enclosing herewith, for your signature, a suggested letter to the Hon. Ernest Lapointe in answer to his communication addressed to yourself under date of February 27th, 1933.

I am also sending along accompanying data and information which you may forward to Mr.Lapointe for his use in answering the statements made by Mr.Beaudry.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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March 1st, 1933.

Honourable Ernest Lapointe,
House of Commons,
Parliament Buildings,
O T T A W A , Canada.

Dear Mr. Lapointe:-

With reference to your letter of February 27th, with enclosed Report of Lecture given in Montreal recently by Mr. Adrien Beaudry on "Public Utilities", I have had this matter looked into by the Engineers of the Commission and find that rates for electric service cannot be compared unless the rates are of the same form. Where the rates to be compared are of different forms, the only correct method of comparison is by comparing the cost of like amounts of electric current supplied for similar purposes calculated at the rates to be compared. A very complete answer to Mr. Beaudry's statements regarding comparison of rates for current supplied by Private Companies in Quebec and by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in Ontario is made in a Report issued by the Department of Trade & Commerce, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Public Utilities Branch. This Report is prepared under the following title:-

"Index Numbers of Rates for Electricity for Residence Lighting

and

Tables of Monthly Bills for Domestic Service, Commercial Light and Small Power."

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The basis of rates charged for electric current supplied by different Companies and Public Utilities in different Provinces and Municipalities are, in many cases, so different in form as to be not comparable. In order to arrive at a basis of comparison of the cost of electric current supplied for light and power purposes, the Department of Trade and Commerce has made comparisons not of the rates of the different Companies and Organizations, but, rather of the cost to the Consumers, based on the rates charged, of a definite quantity of current supplied to Consumers in one centre or Municipality, as compared with a like quantity of current supplied by other Organizations to Consumers in other places. This appears to me to be the correct basis of comparing rates for electric power and light.

I am attaching, hereto, for your convenience, figures extracted from the above-mentioned report, comparing the cost of light and power in Toronto and Montreal; also comparing rates in Hamilton and Quebec; also in Kitchener and Three Rivers. The Municipalities compared have about the same population.

The figures in the tabulation showing a comparison of the rates for residence lighting were taken from Pages 10 and 11 of the Report for the Province of Quebec, and from Pages 12 and 13 for the Province of Ontario.

The figures in the tabulation showing a comparison of the cost of power up to load of 100 H.P. for the Province of Quebec are shown on Pages 31 and 32, and for the Province of Ontario on Pages 32 and 33.

In comparing the rates for electric service in Ontario and Quebec, it must be kept in mind that the Municipalities in Ontario are located at much greater distances from the sources of power supply than in Quebec.

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Honourable Ernest Lapointe.

Mr. Beaudry states,- "To sum up 260,000 domestic and commercial customers pay 1/2¢ more per K.W.H. than 175,000 consumers in Toronto. This difference is attributable to the fact that in Quebec, Companies pay on Income Tax while the Hydro is exempt."

The total kilowatt-hours used by domestic and commercial lighting consumers in Toronto during the year 1931 was 360,733,538, and, at 1/2¢ per kilowatt-hour, this would amount to $1,803,667.69, or, as Mr. Beaudry states would mean a tax of $1,803,667.69 on an annual revenue of $6,320,671.90, and if the revenue from power customers were taxed in the same proportion, it would mean an additional amount of $932,570.85, making a total income tax to the City of Toronto on Mr. Beaudry's basis of $2,736,238.54 in addition to other taxes already paid by the Toronto System; whereas, the total amount of taxes paid by the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated, according to figures submitted at the recent Shareholders' meeting for the year 1930, amounted to $307,865.00.

In Quebec such rural consumers as are supplied are served as extensions of urban lines and the rates for current for these consumers are the same as the rates to consumers in the urban centres . The Province of Quebec does not supply power to rural consumers under a comprehensive plan similar to the plan under which rural consumers are supplied with electric service throughout the Province of Ontario, so that a comparison of the cost of service to rural consumers in Quebec and Ontario would be useless.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

RTJ:M.

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COST OF ELECTRICITY - MONTHLY BILLS

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Residence Lighting

Monthly Consumption of Kilowatt-hours

1931

Name	20	40	60	180
Montreal	.75	1.35	1.95	5.55
Toronto	.75	1.15	1.40	2.70
Quebec City	1.00	1.73	2.45	5.15
Hamilton	.75	1.02	1.38	2.46
Three Rivers	1.00	2.00	3.00	9.00
Kitchener	.75	1.02	1.38	2.67

Extract from Department of Trade and Commerce,
Dominion Bureau of Statistics,
Public Utilities Branch.

Rates for Electricity for Residence Lighting.

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Toronto, March 6, 1933.

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Dear Mr. Henry:

I have observed in the press this morning notice of a question placed on the Order Paper of the Legislature enquiring as to the holdings of certain Companies with which I am connected, of Ontario Power Service Bonds.

Though I am associated with the management of these Companies, my personal interest in them is relatively small.

The question has importance only from the fact that I am a member of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and its purpose no doubt is to arouse suspicion as to the good faith of my conduct as such Commissioner, and to endeavour to create the impression that in my private affairs, or as associated with the management of Companies, I have taken improper advantage of my position as such Commissioner.

It is, of course, obvious that these Companies are entitled to treatment on the same basis as any others and that the principles governing disclosure of the details of their business should be the same, and applied in the same way, as in respect of any other Companies. I have indeed no right to consent to the application of any other principles.

I write you, however, mainly for the purpose of saying that if any member of the Legislature is prepared to make allegations or charges to the effect that my conduct while occupying the position of Commissioner has been in any degree whatever inconsistent with my duty to the Hydro Board, or in any sense whatever dishonourable or discreditable, or not in conformity with the best traditions of public service, it is my earnest hope, and so far as I have a right, I request, that you immediately undertake on behalf of your Government, to appoint a Superior Court Judge to make investigation of such allegations and report thereon.

Without in the least degree reflecting on the capacity and integrity of any member of the Bench, inall of whom I have complete confidence, I do suggest that it would perhaps contribute best to general satisfaction on the subject in this special case, if a Judge were selected whose

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appointment was made by a Government of a different political persuasion from that of the party with which in past years I have been allied.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. George S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Arthur Meighen.

Hon. George S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Toronto, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO.

TORONTO,
MARCH 8,
1 9 3 3.

Private.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Colonel Price handed me your letter of the 6th in regard to the matter that has arisen in the House through a question on the Order Paper. I am letting the matter stand for a few days and trust we will have an opportunity of looking over the situation before it is necessary to make a reply to the House.

Sincerely yours,

GroHenry

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Commissioner, Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Toronto, March 6, 1933.

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Without in the least degree reflecting on the capacity and integrity of any member of the Bench, in all of whom I have complete confidence, I do suggest that it would perhaps contribute best to general satisfaction on the subject in this special case, if a Judge were selected

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Hon. George S. Henry,
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OTTAWA, March 8, 1933.

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Hon. J. R.Cooke,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
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Toronto, March 27, 1933.

Dear Mr. Henry:

Permit me again to call your attention to my letter of March 6, 1933.

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THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
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PRIVATE.

TORONTO,
MAR. 27,
1 9 3 3.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

In reply to yours of the 27th let me say I regret the way things are developing in regard to the Abitibi Power Development and your connection with the same.

The Government have given a great deal of consideration to it and have decided that pending Court proceedings of next Friday it would not be feasible to give any answers or allow any discussion on the matter whatever.

I notice you point out that the questions asked do not enable you to give the whole picture. There would not be any difficulty if that should be the case to our putting questions on the Order Paper in which you could adequately take care of the situation.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory for the present because the Government does not feel like going to a judicial inquiry until a complete and candid

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statement is given to the House and this we think is not advisable until after we know the result of the proceedings in Court.

Sincerely yours,

Geo H Ferguson

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,K.C.,
Commissioner, H.E.P.C.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Toronto, April 1, 1933.

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Hon. George S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Henry:

In view of your proposed presentation to the Legislature of the policy and transactions of your Government with relation to the Abitibi Canyon project and the Ontario Power Service Corporation, I desire to provide you with as full information as I am justified in giving and the public interest requires, with regard to certain questions which have been placed on the Order Paper relating in part to myself and in part to certain Companies with the management of which I have been for many years associated.

The imputation involved in the questions arises, of course, from that fact that I have been a member of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario since June 1921. If such imputation, however, has been made in good faith, it must have been in entire misapprehension of the relationship of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission both to the Government and to the enterprise concerned. As I shall more fully demonstrate later, those relations were not such as to prevent my purchasing these securities at any time I so desired.

On November 20, 1921, I purchased, in the open market, three bonds of Ontario Power Service Corporation. On the 3rd of January, 1922, these bonds, or rather the bonds into which they had later been exchanged, were sold. As the bonds were pledged with American collateral as security for a loan, the loss on exchange was such as to leave the result of the transaction as merely return of principal plus a fair interest. I have never at any time owned, directly or indirectly, any further interest of any kind in the Company.

These bonds would not appear in my name in any list of holders which could be secured, for the reasons that they were bearer bonds and would necessarily be deposited with the Trust Company by the pledgees.

The Investment Companies referred to in the questions are Companies owned by some four thousand shareholders throughout the Dominion, Great Britain and the United States. The Annual Reports of these Companies, covering the operations since 1929, have shown them or some of them as holders of Ontario Power Service bonds along with several hundred other securities. I am, and have been, associated with the Company which has a management contract with these Investment Companies, and have been throughout this period Chairman of the Boards of the Investment Companies. The Directors of the Investment Companies have never deemed it in the interests of the shareholders to give to the public details of purchases and sales of their various holdings, and obviously neither myself nor the management company as a whole has a right to diverge from the policy of the Directors in this regard. Their Companies are manifestly entitled to treatment on the same basis as any others and to the application of the very same principle governing disclosure of the details of their businesses. I have not the slightest doubt that the Directors would be prepared to submit to any requisition applicable to all others who have been at any time holders of these securities.

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Toronto, April 1, 1924.

Hon. Geo. S. Henry:

As stated to you on the 6th March last, I am ready and more than ready to submit to any judicial investigation my entire conduct in this whole connection, both personally and in relation to the Companies concerned, and to have that conduct judged by the highest standards which have been recognized in this country and by a long line of precedents in Great Britain. There are well-established rules which a man in public office should not infringe.

Meantime, it is my right to state certain facts bearing directly on the information above given.

1. From the day when I first took office as a Hydro Commissioner, to the present day, there has never been a time when that Commission had any discretion to exercise, the result of which could affect in any manner either the Ontario Power Service Company or its bonds.

2. I had not the smallest part in the negotiations for the acquirement of the property or the bonds.

3. From the day of my appointment until now there has never been a time when any information bearing on the value of such bonds was known to me, or was available to be known to me, not equally available to the general public.

4. The entire Ontario Power Service enterprise, insofar as it was not strictly a private enterprise, was the affair of the Government of Ontario and not of the Hydro Commission.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Arthur Meighen.

AM/E.

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OTTAWA, March 15, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Will you kindly see that the enclosed letter from Mr. Louis D. Durant is attended to and reference made to me in your reply, as I have not answered.

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Chief Engineer,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Mr.Meighen

March 16th, 1933.

Louis D. Durand, Esq., LL.B.,
326 Bonaventure,
Three Rivers, Que.

Dear Sir:-

Meeting your request as forwarded through the Hon. Mr.Meighen; I am forwarding to you to-day, under separate cover, the paper as given by Mr.Gaby before the World Power Conference held in Berlin, Germany, in 1930, entitled "Economic Aspects of Electrical Supply in the House and on the Farm", copy of the 1931 Report of the Hydro-electric Power Commission, and Report entitled "Misstatements and Misrepresentations." I trust that these will reach you safely.

Yours truly,

Sec'y, Chief Engineer's
Office.

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LOUIS-D. DURAND, LL. B.,
AVOCAT ET PROCUREUR
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TELEPHONE 1661 - 1662

326 BONAVENTURE,
LES TROIS-RIVIERES, P. Q.
CANADA.

March 20th 1933.

The Right Honourable Mr. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I have received from the Hydro Power Commission, through the courtesy of the Chief engineer's secretary, the documents that I had asked you a few days ago.

Thanking you very much for your kindness, I beg to remain, Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

L. D. Durand

LDD/FL.

LS- D. DURAND.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Engineering Department

Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., CHIEF ENGINEER

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190 University Avenue
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March 16, 1933.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Mr. Spence S. Foy,
15 Penrose Road,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge your letter of March 14th, enclosing your application for a position.

We regret that at the present moment, due to economic conditions beyond our control, we are making no additions to any of our staffs. We will, however, keep your application before us for future consideration.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Gaby

CHIEF ENGINEER.

Copy for:- Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen P.C., K.C.

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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Ottawa, March 18, 1933

Hon. J. R. Cooke, Chairman,
Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

At the present time there is considerable uncertainty and confusion in Canada in connection with the testing of appliances and devices for fire hazard. Some of the approval testing work is done by the Underwriters' Laboratories in Chicago; the electrical work, under the Electrical Code, is done by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission in their laboratories; there is also in existence a Canadian subsidiary of the Chicago Laboratories. Further, certain provincial governments are engaged at the present time in setting up regulations in connection with these matters.

Over a period of years, the National Research Council, by the very nature of its work, has been called upon to concern itself in the field of testing and standardization. It will be recalled that when the Council's laboratories were being projected, an undertaking was given in the House of Commons that the laboratories would be so equipped as to make dependence on foreign laboratories unnecessary. In connection with standardization the activities of the Council, have, of necessity, been developing quite rapidly. Under pressure from the manufacturers, testing work has come into prominence. Recently the Council undertook, at the request of manufacturers and provincial authorities, the establishment of oil burner testing laboratories which are now in operation. Under pressure of further development in other fields, the Council is now being urged to put in equipment for testing valves and sprinkler systems.

Recognizing that these demands upon the Council will continue to grow and desiring to avoid conflict with corresponding activities in the provincial field, it appeared desirable that a conference of all the parties concerned should be called in order that a complete exchange of views might be brought about. Accordingly it has been decided to call such a conference and this letter is an invitation to your organization

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to participate. An agenda is being prepared and will be forwarded to you. The date selected for the conference is March 27, at 10.30 a.m. in the Board Room of the National Research Laboratories building, Ottawa. Invitations are being extended to the following:

Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission
Canadian Engineering Standards Association
Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association
Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada
National Research Council
Association of Dominion Fire Marshals
Dominion Fire Prevention Association
Dominion Fire Commissioner
Canadian Manufacturers Association

The conference has been authorized by the Hon. H. H. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee of the Privy Council on Scientific and Industrial Research, who will preside.

We would be glad to receive suggestions as to the conference agenda from your organization.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. M. Tory

President

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March 11th.,1933

Right Hon. Arthur Meighan, K.C.P.C.,
Commissioner, Hydro Power Commission of Ontario.
190 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

Sir,-

While on a Yonge Street car a few days ago, I picked up a little b book called "The Bulletin" evidently a publication of the Hydro Comm--ission.

I read your address printed in this Bulletin and while I heartily agree with all you say, I regret that a good deal of your excellent sentiment is not reflected in the action of the Hydro Commission.

Their staff put all their reserves into valuable service during war days and were unable to save a cent (barring of course some over--paid officials). During the Hydro's growth your faithful and loyal men built up for you a vaunted surplus..Recently Chairman Cook announced that in spite of conditions you had met all obligations and further increases your surplus, yet, before the smoke of his thund-er had cleared an announcement follows that you propose to further reduce salaries but did not announce that scores of your loyal staff were to be thrown out on the street,as well.

It strikes the writer and many that he has conversed with that Geo Henry, J.R.Cook and others who should rally the people only show their utter lack of faith in Ontario and the Hydro from the fact that in spite of professed optimism they pursue a policy of culturing an epedemic of cutting wages.

If the Hydro are so hard pressed as to be compelled to cut an item of salaries then their surplus must be a disolving cloud. At least this is the only logical impression I and others I hear from derive from it all.

If the Government and Hydro were sincere in their optimism they might rally confidence and turn retreat into advance.

This action is the first time that I have ever questionedt the Hydro sincerity. Perhaps you may think this is merely some cranks action, but Sir, there are a lot more cranks like me.

Sincerely

One who has served his country and has
suffered from the world's policies of
Mal. Administration.

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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Canada

Ottawa, March 22nd,1933

Mr.W.P.Dobson,
Chief Testing Engineer,
Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission,
8 Strachan Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Dobson:

I enclose, herewith, a draft agenda for the Conference which will take place on Monday. You will recognize, of course, that under the title, "Other Business" any number of other items can be added if necessary.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H.M.Tory

H.M.Tory, President

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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

FIRE HAZARD CONTROL CONFERENCE

Board Room of the
National Research Laboratories Building,
Sussex Street, Ottawa

March 27,1933
10.30 a.m

AGENDA

1. Statement by the Chairman, Hon.H.H.Stevens, Chairman of the Committee of the Privy Council on Scientific and Industrial Research

2. Statements by Representatives of Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments, Insurance Companies, Manufacturers and others, as follows:-

   (a) National Research Council
   (b) Federal Department of Insurance
   (c) Dominion Fire Prevention Association
   (d) Association of Fire Marshals
   (e) The Fire Marshal of British Columbia
   (f) The Fire Marshal of Ontario
   (g) The Department of Labour of Quebec
   (h) Canadian and British Manufacturers
   (i) The Canadian Engineering Standards Association
   (j) The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association
   (k) The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission
   (l) The Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada

3. Consideration of the following:

   1. Should Canada make herself independent in standardization, testing and approval facilities?

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2. If so, how can Canadian facilities best be organized and co-ordinated?

3. To what extent could inter-Commonwealth acceptance of tests and approval be adopted?

4. Other business

NOTE: It is suggested that if the discussions cannot be concluded in one day, the conference be prepared to appoint sub-committees to continue discussions on the following day.

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BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, CONVEYANCERS, NOTARIES, &c.

SOLICITORS FOR THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

WALKERTON, ONTARIO

March 22, 1933.

I. B. Lucas, Esq., K. C.,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Heimbecker vs Hydro Electric Commission.

Dear Sir:- Attention of Mr. Evans.

Confirming my conversation with your Mr. Evans, I beg to say that Mr. Heimbecker, on account of his age, although he does not think he has been treated very generously, has decided to accept the offer made by your clients, of $5,500.00, in consideration of which he is to convey to the Commission or to the Corporation of the Town of Hanover, whichever you desire, the water rights that he reserved in the deed he gave to the Hanover Portland Cement Company, Limited, which cover the Hanover dam and other parcels, except that he retains the right that he now exercises of maintaining a pipe under the bed of the Saugeen River, below the dam, which carries water from a spring on the north side of the river, to supply his own dwelling house and two nearby dwelling houses.

Heimbecker has also agreed to convey to the Corporation of Hanover the land inside the raceway that carries the water from the dam to the land conveyed by him to the Corporation of Hanover, that is on his land and to grant the Corporation the right to pass over his land to make any repairs that from time to time may be required to be made to the banks of such raceway that is now on such land, they paying to Mr. Heimbecker and his heirs, etc., any damage that he may sustain by reason of such enterings. These, I understand, are all the conditions, except that each party pays their own costs.

As I have mentioned over the phone, I would like to know this week that your offer was approved of by the Commission, as if there is any hitch in the settlement to prevent it being concluded, I wish to be in a position to serve notice of trial for our Assizes here next month.

At the same time I respectfully submit that your Commission might well treat Mr. Heimbecker a little more generously. When he sold to the Hanover Portland Cement Company and to William Knechtel (the Company later acquired William Knechtel's rights), the deeds clearly provided that the dam was to be kept in repair. As the fee of the dam was conveyed to the Hanover

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Portland Cement Company, it was clear that they were to do the repairs, and bear 27/30ths of the costs.

I wrote your Commission in August, 1931, eighteen months ago, and your former Chairman, Mr. Magrath, wrote me that it had been referred to the Hydro Engineers. I wrote again last fall, and after several letters, your Commission refused to do any repairs, so this action was commenced.

Mr. Heimbecker, a great many years ago, rented the rights that he reserved to the Corporation of Hanover at a very substantial rent, which lease was renewed last year for another thirty years. When the Commission purchased from the Canada Cement Company, the deed from the Cement Company distinctly provided that in the grant of water rights, it was subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the conveyances from Heimbecker and the Hanover Portland Cement Company and William Knechtel, and to all existing agreements or covenants under which the grantor (The Canada Cement Company), is or may be bound to continue towards the maintenance of the said dam, the grantee hereby assuming all liability and obligation of the grantor in respect thereof.

Mr. Heimbecker, instead of receiving some $425.00 or $450.00 annual rental, will only receive $250.00 or less from what your clients are paying, which makes a material difference to a man in his position.

Yours truly,

DR:EW.

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March 23, 1933.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is memorandum asked for.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

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MEMORANDUM RE LOCATION ONTARIO POWER SERVICE BONDS

These Bonds were issued in 1930 as bearer Bonds. Like most other bearer Bonds they were capable of registration, but the usual practice is that relatively very few ever are registered. The percentage would be small indeed.

Late in the Spring of 1932 the Company found itself unable to complete its big enterprise at Abitibi Canyon without further assistance from some source, the Abitibi Company not being able to supply the moneys undertaken to be supplied. On June 25, 1932, the Premier of Ontario announced that the Government would negotiate to acquire the Bonds at a reasonable price. On July 25, 1932, the result of the negotiations was announced.

The O. P. S. Bonds were made convertible at the option of the holder into Hydro Electric Bonds guaranteed by the Province of Ontario at 90% of their par value, with interest reduced from 5½% to 3½%, 4% and 5%, Bonds being repayable, interest and principal, in Canadian funds and were made redeemable at any time on notice.

The Montreal Trust Company was Trustee of the original O. P. S. Bonds and supplied applicants with an "Acceptance and Power of Attorney" form, which was to be used in depositing Bonds with the Trust Company, and which in effect accepted the offer and made the Montreal Trust Company irrevocable attorney to carry out the transfer and delivery.

The Montreal Trust Company would, it is presumed, have record of those from whom bonds were received, the amount of such bonds, serial numbers and denominations, and the Companies or persons to whom Certificates of Deposit were sent.

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Bonds, however, would be received through Banks, Trust Companies, Investment Bankers and others who might not be owners, but merely custodians or agents for transmittal, or trustees or pledgees. The Trust Company would have no means of knowing whether or not those depositing Bonds were actual owners. In very many cases and probably in large amounts, the Certificates of Deposit would be issued to Banks and Brokers.

Bonds were to be deposited up to and inclusive of October 30, 1932. Even if the actual owners at the time of deposit could be ascertained (and they could not), it would not follow that these were the owners prior to the announcement of the Government's intention to negotiate for the Bonds. These securities had been traded in actively through the summer, and being bearer Bonds, passed readily from owner to owner.

There could not possibly be a record anywhere of the actual owners at the time of, or before, the Premier's announcement. It is not understood wherein the Province is interested in the detailed list of actual owners, which would be of enormouse length, if by any possibility it could be secured. That such a list could not possibly be secured is manifest to anyone who knows anything about the tremendously wide and utterly unrecorded distribution of bearer Bonds. It would be just as sensible to askthe Dominion Government for a list of the bearer Bonds of the Dominion, which, like O. P. S. Bonds are distributed in many parts of the world.

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The question is the fairness of the price of the project to the Government under all the circumstances. The fact is the purchase of the bearer Bonds meant in effect the securing of the property under the hammer by the Provincial Government. In doing so it was necessary for the Government to take the stand that others could not come in and compete with them for the purchase, because, in the view of the Government, to permit this would result in an absolute power monopoly in Northern Ontario to the great detriment of its development. The Government was able to get the Bonds at a saving not only of the two millions directly cut off by the 10% cut, but at a saving as well of six months' interest absolutely, of a further reduction of interest over a space of twenty years, and on a Canadian fund basis instead of an American fund basis. These interest rates were substantially lower than those at which the Province itself could borrow at the time. The total savings of these added together would aggregate over nine million dollars, of all of which the people of Ontario get the benefit. In addition, as stated above, the Bonds are redeemable at any time.

It would seem altogether probable that in this case as in others of a similar nature, the large Insurance Companies, holding as they do for all classes of people in the Dominion, would be in very considerable degree owners of these securities.

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March 25, 1933.

Dr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter received from David Robertson. You might kindly draft reply for my signature.

Yours sincerely,

AM/E.

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Draft letter prepared in reply. by Mr. Raby & duly mailed Mr. G. did not send me an extra copy. F.W.G.

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DAVID ROBERTSON, K.C. N. ROY ROBERTSON, B.A.Sc.

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, CONVEYANCERS, NOTARIES, &c.

SOLICITORS FOR THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

WALKERTON, ONTARIO

March 22, 1933.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
National Trust Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Heimbecker vs Hydro Electric Commission.

My dear Mr. Meighan:-

I returned home from Toronto last night. While there I tried to get in touch with you, but I understood from your stenographer that you were very busy. It was in the matter of an action between Heimbecker and the Hydro Electric Commission.

Mr. Heimbecker, in selling to the predecessors of the Commission, the Hanover Portland Cement Company, who afterwards conveyed to the Canada Cement Company, through whom the Commission claims title, reserved certain water rights, and the deed contained provisions as to repair.

I enclose you a copy of a letter that I have written to Mr. Lucas. I understand the Commission is going to consider the offer which their solicitor made, and which Heimbecker instructed me to accept. No doubt the deeds will be before you. The engineers first represented that the repairs that we thought necessary would cost $25,000.00, and then wrote that they would cost $100,000.00.

I know something about the building of dams on a much larger body of water than that at Hanover, as Mr. Rowland and I built the one at Walkerton and the one at Southampton, and I had Mr. Campbell, who built a large part of our Southampton dam for us, go up and take measurements and give us the figures, and his estimate was less than half of the lowest estimate of your engineers.

I am writing to you because I think their treatment is a little harsh towards Heimbecker, and I would be very glad if the Commission could see its way to increase the price they are paying to $6,000.00.

Yours very truly,

David Robertson

DR:EW.
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March 25th, 1933.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Senate Chamber,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have prepared a history of the work of the Commission in the approval testing of electrical equipment which I am enclosing herewith and I trust that it may be of interest to you and may assist you to obtain a full understanding of the problem which now faces the Commission by reason of Dr. Tory's action in calling a conference on this subject at Ottawa on the 27th Inst.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Gaby

Chief Engineer.

WPD/EH.

P.S. I am also enclosing material for a statement to be presented by Commission

F.A.G.

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HISTORY OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION IN TESTING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 80 POWER COMMISSION ACT

Approval testing of electrical equipment is, to the best of my knowledge, carried on only in the United States and Canada, and only in Canada has the work been organized with any degree of completeness. It is supplementary to the inspection of electrical installations, which has been carried on for many years by various organizations, both in Canada and the United States. Its object is to reduce the fire and accident hazard and to reduce the danger to property and persons in the use of electricity by requiring manufacturers to embody in their product materials of proper quality and reasonably safe methods of design and construction.

There are three main divisions of the work:

(1) Preparation of specifications.
(2) The making of laboratory tests.
(3) The inspection of equipment in factories and in the field.

The preparation of specifications is the basis upon which the remainder of the work rests. Each specification must contain sufficient information about the materials to be used in any device and the methods of design and construction, to enable the man who tests the device to determine whether or not the fire and accident hazard has been reduced to an acceptable degree. Laboratory testing consists in an examination of representative samples and in the application of the tests set forth in the specification. As the result of these tests the product represented by the samples is approved or rejected. When a series of devices has been approved the name of the manufacturer is placed on the approval records which are distributed

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to inspection authories for their guidance in accepting equipment found in installations subject to their inspection. The third division of the work involves the inspection of approved products wherever they may be found in order to determine whether or not manufacturers are continuing to meet the standards set forth in the specifications.

EARLY APPROVAL TESTING

This work had its origin early in the history of the electrical industry in America. The authorities in charge of the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893 decided to light all the buildings by electricity and to operate all exhibits by electricity as far as possible. The insurance companies being concerned with the fire hazard undertook to inspect the installations at the Fair, which were at that time unprecedented in scope and importance. Mr. W.H. Merrill was in charge of this work and he soon recognized the necessity for tests of the materials and equipment used in the installations. He organized a small laboratory and thus laid the foundations for the organization now known as Underwriters' Laboratories Incorporated, of which he was the active head until the time of his death about seven years ago.

Underwriters' Laboratories Inc. was sponsored by the National Board of Fire Underwriters of the United States, and has always been closely affiliated with that organization. It has laboratories in Chicago and New York which are very completely equipped for the testing of materials and equipment to determine fire hazard. The results of its work are used by inspection authorities, insurance companies, fire marshals and by all those engaged in the prevention of fire hazards. This inspection was at first carried on almost entirely by insurance companies but in the course of time municipalities and governmental bodies found it necessary to

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supplement the work of the insurance companies and as a matter of evolution the inspection, particularly electrical inspection, is being abandoned by the insurance companies and taken up by municipal and governmental authorities, and at the present time the greater portion of electrical inspection work in Canada is being done by such agencies. One reason for this change was the growing recognition of the accident hazard and necessity for governmental action in this connection. As stated above, the original aim was to minimize fire hazard and for many years no attention was paid either in the National Electrical Code of the United States or in the standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, to the accident hazard.

INSPECTION AND TESTING IN CANADA

Since Canada followed American standards and practice in electrical matters from the first, it is natural that they should also follow American practice in inspection - consequently, the National Electrical Code referred to above was used by electrical inspection authorities in Canada and no attempt was made for many years to develop Canadian standards. The National Electrical Code is a set of rules governing electrical installations, prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, and is used as the basis of regulations, both municipal and state, throughout the whole of the United States; it dealt originally only with fire hazards and was revised from time to time as considered necessary by the National Fire Protection Association.

The recognition of the necessity of dealing with accident hazards has produced a profound change in code practice both in the United States and Canada, and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission was one of the first organizations, if not the first, to give this feature serious attention.

About 1912 it was instructed by the Ontario Government to organize a

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system of electrical inspection throughout the province and it prepared a set of rules which provided safeguards against both fire and accident hazards. These rules were revised from time to time as became necessary and were adopted by various inspection authorities throughout Canada. They differed in form and content from the National Electrical Code.

About 1918 the Commission ~~felt~~ found it necessary to supplement its electrical inspection by the approval testing of electrical apparatus, since the service being rendered by Underwriters' Laboratories was not sufficient for the Commission's purposes, and a staff was organized to carry on the work in a manner similar to that followed by the Underwriters' Laboratories. About this time also a demand for a Canadian electrical code, which would be universally adopted throughout Canada, was expressed by many people, and the Canadian Engineering Standards Association undertook the preparation of such a code. The Commission agreed to co-operate in this work and has continued this co-operation. The next step taken in the direction of reduction of hazards attendant on the use of electricity was a revision of the Power Commission Act providing for the control of the sale of electrical equipment, and this legislation made it necessary for the Commission to enlarge its work of approval testing. During the period between 1918 and 1927 many conferences were held with Underwriters' Laboratories officials who were greatly disturbed when the Commission undertook approval testing, and they made proposals whereby the work would be continued by the Commission as an agent of Underwriters' Laboratories. Nothing came of these negotiations, however, and the Commission and Underwriters' Laboratories continued to carry on approval testing in Canada. Overlapping was avoided as far as possible by acceptance on the part of the

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Commission of Underwriters' Laboratories approval. Differences in standards did, however, appear and some difficulty has, from time to time, been experienced with American manufacturers on account of these differences.

Concurrently with these events the work of preparing a Canadian Electrical Code was proceeding, and in 1927 the first edition was published following a meeting in Winnipeg which was attended by representatives from all parts of the country and all sections of the industry. This code gave a very clear definition of "approved" as applying to material and equipment and recognized the approval of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and of Underwriters' Laboratories.

The appearance of the Canadian Electrical Code was the signal for a rapid advance in the direction of uniformity of regulations throughout the whole of Canada. At the time of its appearance inspection was carried on by underwriters organizations, municipalities, and only in one or two cases did provincial authorities have complete jurisdiction in their province. Since the appearance of the Code, legislation has been passed in all the remaining provinces of Canada providing for provincial inspection of electrical installations and in most provinces also for the control of the sale of electrical equipment. These acts and the accompanying regulations recognize the Canadian Electrical Code and therefore the approval of the Commission.

RECENT EVENTS

Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada was incorporated to look after the Canadian business, but no laboratory was built and all laboratory tests were made as previously at Chicago. In 1932 the situation was that the Underwriters' Laboratories

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were testing and inspecting wire and cable, conduit and a few small items, but that the remainder of the work was being done by the Commission. The wire and cable work was one of the largest sources of revenue. Early in the year the Canadian manufacturers of wire and cable were asked for an opinion as to the desirability of the Commission's taking over this work from Underwriters' Laboratories, and after a protracted series of discussions with them and with Underwriters' Laboratories, arrangements were completed whereby Underwriters' Laboratories withdrew from Canada insofar as electrical testing was concerned, and the Commission assumed this work on January 1st 1933. These negotiations proceeded in a most friendly spirit and we are assured of the continued co-operation of Underwriters' Laboratories in this work.

The above outline gives, I believe, all the important steps which have been taken since the Commission first became interested in approval testing. A short description of the method of carrying on this work may be of interest.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK OF APPROVAL TESTING

As stated above, the three main divisions are: (1) Preparation of specifications, (2) The making of laboratory tests, (3) The inspection of equipment in factories and in the field. The preparation of specifications will be dealt with later.

Laboratory testing consists of careful examination of representative samples of equipment submitted for approval, and the performance of the tests set forth in the specification. If the sample fails to meet the tests, the manufacturer is asked to make the necessary changes. When he has submitted a sample which meets all tests a report is prepared describing the equipment, the tests made, and recommending

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approval of the apparatus. This report is sent to the Approvals Committee composed of inspectors in all parts of Canada, representatives of Underwriters, manufacturers, and other sections of the industry. The Committee votes upon the report and when a decision has been reached the Commission is asked to approve the equipment in question. Notice of this approval is published in the form of cards which are sent to all parts of the country. Periodically a list of approved equipment is published and circulated.

The manufacturer agrees to make his product in future in conformity with the regulations and to permit the Commission's laboratory inspectors to enter his factory for the purpose of inspecting his product and determining whether or not the regulations are being complied with. These visits are made with varying frequency depending upon the nature of the product and the volume of production.

It will be seen that this work involves an immense amount of detail in testing, in keeping records, and in making factory inspections. The factory inspection work is closely connected with laboratory work and is carried on by the same staff. It is necessary for the inspectors to travel to all parts of Canada and to many parts of the United States. All Canadian manufacturers are now accepting the approval service and many American manufacturers who choose to submit their product to the Commission rather than to Underwriters' Laboratories. The cost of the work is met by fees for approval testing and for re-examination. The approval fees are paid only once, that is at the time of the original application for approval. Re-examination fees are annual and cover the cost of the periodic inspections. For certain types of equipment labels are sold which are affixed to the equipment and denote that it is approved. For other types of equipment

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not suitable for the application of labels, a fixed annual fee is charged and approved equipment is recognized either by reference to the list of approved devices or to the manufacturer's name-plate which usually contains an indication of approval.

The value of the equipment in the Approval Laboratory is approximately $29,424.75. In addition to this, other laboratory equipment, such as chemical, structural materials, is used when necessary. The cost of operating the laboratory during the last fiscal year was $72,686.17 and the revenue $64,006.21.

CANADIAN ENGINEERING STANDARDS ASSOCIATION

Reference has been made above to this organization and to its share in the preparation of the Canadian Electrical Code. It is the liaison officer for the different provinces, inspection departments, manufacturers, and underwriters, etc., and without it preparation of the Canadian Electrical Code and consequent recognition of the Commission would not have been possible, at least in the short time which has elapsed since it began its work. It offers an ideal solution to all problems such as we are faced with in this connection because interested parties may be brought together and the standards which they prepare may be immediately published. The Commission has been co-operating with this organization completely and is receiving at the present time great assistance in the preparation of specifications which, as referred to above, form the basis of the approval work. The present arrangement appears to be incapable of improvement since, as already stated, it enables all interested parties to meet on common ground and since it facilitates the preparation and publication of standards.

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SUMMARY

This discourse has been developed from the point of view of the Commission's interests in approval testing and with the object of showing that while present conditions continue it would be inadvisable and unnecessary for the National Research Council to undertake the same work.

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March 29th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

In compliance with your recent request I am submitting herewith a suggested letter for forwarding over your signature to Mr. David Robertson in reference to the Hanover Dam.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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March 30th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Meeting your suggestion to have the pictures you requested mounted on a hard board and, if possible, a wide margin on the side; we have had finished 3 prints of the 8 x 10 negative with 1" margin, and 2 prints from the 5 x 7 negative with 1½" margin. If either of these suggestions meet with your approval, we can arrange to have the balance of the number suggested forwarded to you within a week or ten days' time.

Yours very truly,

Sec'y. Chief Engineer's Office.

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8 x 10 negative with 1½" margin.

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March 31, 1933.

Mr. F. Robertson,
Engineering Department,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Many thanks for your letter of 30th and for samples of photographs which you sent.

Mr. Meighen would prefer to have the larger negative, that is the 8 x 10, with a 1½" margin if this could be arranged. Those you sent just had a 1" margin, and the smaller print had 1½".

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary.

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The Chief Testing Engineer

Dr. F.A. Gaby March 31, 1933

Chief Engineer

Fire Hazard Conference,
Ottawa, March 27, 1933

I am enclosing herewith for your approval a letter for the Chairman's signature, with which is enclosed a copy of the Statement prepared for Mr. Maguire's use which he read at the conference. Several minor changes have been made but no change has been made in the main points discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Testing Engineer

WPD/ED.

Enc.

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(COPY)

March 31, 1933.

Dr. H.M. Tory,
President,
National Research Council,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Tory:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Statement which was used by Mr. Maguire in his remarks at the conference on the 27th instant.

Yours very truly,

Chairman

Enc.

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April 1, 1933.

Hon. George S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Henry:

In view of your proposed presentation to the Legislature of the policy and transactions of your Government with relation to the Abitibi Canyon project and the Ontario Power Service Corporation, I desire to provide you with as full information as I am justified in giving and the public interest requires, with regard to certain questions which have been placed on the Order Paper relating in part to myself and in part to certain Companies with the management of which I have been for many years associated.

The imputation involved in the questions arises, of course, from the fact that I have been a member of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario since June 1931. If such imputation, however, has been made in good faith, it must have been in entire misapprehension of the relationship of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission both to the Government and to the enterprise concerned. As I shall more fully demonstrate later, those relations were not such as to prevent my purchasing these securities at any time I so desired.

On November 30, 1931, I purchased, in the open market, three bonds of Ontario Power Service Corporation. On the 3rd of January, 1933, these bonds, or rather the bonds into which they had later been exchanged, were sold. As the bonds were pledged with American collateral as security for a loan, the loss on exchange was such as to leave the result of the transaction as merely return of principal plus a fair interest. I have never at any time owned directly or indirectly any further interest of any kind in the Company.

These bonds would not appear in my name in any list of holders which could be secured, for the reasons that they were bearer bonds and would necessarily be deposited with the Trust Company by the pledgees.

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[illegible] referred to in the question [illegible] usand shareholders [illegible] and the United States. The [illegible] covering the operations since [illegible], [illegible] Power Service [illegible] have been, [illegible] contract with some [illegible] period Chairman of [illegible] investment companies. The directors of the investment [illegible] interests of shareholders to give [illegible] of their various holdings, [illegible] company [illegible] in this regard. [illegible] same basis [illegible] principle governing [illegible] have not the slightest [illegible] regulation [illegible] these [illegible]

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[illegible] Power Service Company of [illegible]

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The Investment Companies referred to in the questions are Companies owned by some four thousand shareholders throughout the Dominion, Great Britain and the United States. The Annual Reports of these Companies, covering the operations since 1929, have shown them or some of them as holders of Ontario Power Service bonds along with several hundred other securities. I am, and have been, associated with the Company which has a management contract with these Investment Companies, and have been throughout this period Chairman of the Boards of the Investment Companies. The Directors of the Investment Companies have never deemed it in the interests of shareholders to give to the public details of purchases and sales of their various holdings, and obviously neither myself nor the management company as a whole has a right to diverge from the policy of the Directors in this regard. Their Companies are manifestly entitled to treatment on the same basis as any others and to the application of the very same principles governing disclosure of the details of their businesses. I have not the slightest doubt that the Directors would be prepared to submit to any requisition applicable to all others who have been at any time holders of these securities.

As stated to you on the 6th March last, I am ready and more than ready to submit to any judicial investigation my entire conduct in this whole connection, both personally and in relation to the Companies concerned, and to have that conduct judged by the highest standards which have been recognized in this country and by a long line of precedents in Great Britain. There are well-established rules which a man in public office should not infringe.

Meantime, it is my right to state certain facts bearing directly on the information above given.

1. From the day when I first took office as a Hydro Commissioner, to the present day, there has never been a time when that Commission had any discretion to exercise, the result of which could affect in any manner either the Ontario Power Service Company or its bonds.

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2. I had not the smallest part in the negotiations for the acquirement of the property or the bonds.

3. From the day of my appointment until now there has never been a time when any information bearing on the value of such bonds was known to me, or was available to be known to me, not equally available to the general public.

4. The entire Ontario Power Service enterprise, insofar as it was not strictly a private enterprise, was the affair of the Government of Ontario and not of the Hydro Commission.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. COMMISSIONER.

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April 4th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re: Fire Hazard Control Conference, Ottawa, March 27/33.

For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report submitted by Mr. Dobson on the conference above referred to regarding Approval Testing in Canada.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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House of Commons
Canada
OTTAWA

5th April, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Leader of the Senate,
OTTAWA.

Dear Arthur:-

I am enclosing herewith, for your perusal, a letter from W. W. Pope, Secretary Hydro Electric Power Commission, Toronto, re Mr. John Wigle, about whom I wrote you some time ago.

I would deem it a personal favour if you could, through direction or request, obtain a position for Mr. Wigle who is the son of a very dear friend of mine.

Thanking you for any effort that you may put forth or any result obtained, I am, as you know,

Very sincerely yours,

Eccles J. Gott

Eccles J. Gott,
M. P. Essex South.

AVP.
Encl.

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March 28th, 1933

Mr. John Wigle,

AMHERSTBURG, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting a position with this Commission, came to hand and has been forwarded to the Employment Department with a request that your application considered when an opening occurs. As matters stand at present, the Commission is reducing rather than adding to its staff.

Yours truly,

SECRETARY

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April 7th, 1933.

The Right Hon. A. Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum as prepared on the Annual Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission setting forth information to be presented upon the tabling of the above mentioned Report.

I thought this might possibly be of value to you on account of the statistical data that it contains in reference to the operations of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Memorandum re Tabling of Annual Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission

According to custom, the Annual Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario was tabled in the Provincial Legislature on ----------, 1933. This Report is noteworthy in that it is the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Commission and therefore records the completion of the first quarter century of Ontario's municipally-owned electrical undertaking.

The Report which is in process of being printed is, as tabled, in preliminary form. It presents information on the physical and financial operations of the Commission for the fiscal year 1931-32. When published it will also contain information respecting the operations of the electrical utilities of the co-operating municipalities for the Calendar year 1932.

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At the end of the fiscal year, the number of municipalities served by the Commission was 747. This number included 27 cities, 95 towns, 267 villages and police villages and 345 townships. With the exception of thirteen suburban sections of townships known as voted areas, the townships and 88 of the smaller villages are served as parts of 172 rural power districts.

Demand for Power Maintained in 1932

The year 1932, covered by the Report, was the third and most severe year of depressed industrial conditions and this fact must be taken into account in considering the results of the year's operations of the Hydro undertaking. "The demand for power in the fiscal year 1932", states the Report, "was on the whole substantially equal to that of 1931, some systems showing slight increases, others small decreases. The average load of all systems in Ontario shows the slight decrease of 1.2 per cent." This compares with the decline of 15 per cent during 1931. The Report further states: "If a comparison is made between the load during the past year (1932) and the load during the year preceding the start of the depression (1928), it will

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be found that the total load in Ontario, on all the Commission's systems, shows an increase of about 10 per cent." And although, as the Report points out, part of this increase over 1928 is due to the inclusion of new districts and loads, yet "The load in 1932, excluding these new properties, exceeded that of 1928 by more than 100,000,000 kilowatt-hours."

The Report notes certain hopeful features such as the fact that the load has been maintained as well as it has during the depression; the arresting of the downward trend in load and the beginning of what may prove to be an upward trend. The total load for the closing months of 1932 exceeded the load for the corresponding months of the previous year.

A feature of the load situation in Ontario during the past year, as in 1930, is that the actual load taken is less than the load the Commission is under contractual obligation to supply upon demand. Many industrial concerns have not needed the full amounts of power that their contracts with the Commission call for. In respect of power held in reserve for such industrial consumers, however, the Commission continues under the contracts to receive compensation which assists in defraying the fixed costs for such power. Furthermore, as a result of the policy of service "at cost" which is reflected in the form of the rate schedules, the consumer during periods when he makes greater use of his equipment obtains his extra energy at a lower rate. The dropping of this extra demand for energy therefore causes a smaller drop in the revenue of the Commission than might be inferred by a study of the actual loads.

Capital Outlays Reduced

Constructional activities during 1932 were limited in scope, and capital outlays by the Commission were consequently much reduced. The chief work undertaken was the completion of the Chats Falls development by the installation of further units bringing the total capacity up to 192,000 horsepower--half of which is owned by the Commission and half by the Ottawa Valley Power Company in Quebec. There was also the construction of a transmission line from the Ontario-Quebec boundary

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at Beaudet to Chats Falls. This line serves to bring the Beauharnois power to Chats Falls; from this point it is transmitted over the transmission lines from Chats Falls to the Niagara system at Leaside.

The quality of service rendered throughout the various sytems during the year was satisfactory; interruptions were few in number, and affected relatively small areas. No serious failures of equipment occurred. This high quality of service results in part from the practice of the Commission in maintaining its equipment at a very high standard and also keeping abreast of the times with respect to improvements in technique demanded by the ever-increasing magnitude and complexity of its transmission networks and generating facilities.

The completion of constructional work which formany years had required a large designing and drafting force, made necessary a substantial reduction in staffs. The Report notes with regret the unavoidable release of men who have served the Hydro undertaking so faithfully for several years.

Rural Electrical Service Shows Healthy Growth

During the fiscal year 1931-32 there were constructed, or under construction, some 526 miles of primary transmission line in the rural power districts of Ontario. Although this mileage was less than half the mileage constructed each year for the past five or six years it exceeded that constructed during the two-year period 1924 and 1925. In view of the exceptional economic conditions that have so seriously affected agricultural operations and prices, this progress must, states the Report, "be regarded with satisfaction". Electrical service was given to 3,933 additional rural consumers and the capital expenditure approved for rural construction work was $1,123,741. There was a healthy growth in the power distributed to rural power districts. The rural electrical service given by the Commission is fully described in the Report and the Commission believes that further substantial progress will be made in the next few years.

Concurrently with the development of rural service the Commission has made studies in connection with the efficient uses of electricity on the farm. As a result of the investigation of one problem, the

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Commission has developed an improved grinder for grain, of a much higher mechanical efficiency. The Report notes a growing confidence among the farming communities in the use of electrical power-driven machinery.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES.

The following summarized statements briefly outline the financial position of each of the several Systems to October 31, 1932 and the results of the operation of each of these for the last fiscal year.

Niagara System.

The total Capital invested in properties used for generating, transmitting and transforming power amounts to $204,601,176.26.

The balances in the Reserve accounts as at October 31, 1932 are as follows: Renewals and Depreciation Reserve $16,629,892.53; Sinking Fund $21,808,954.04; Obsolescence, Contingency and Stabilization Fund $12,440,735.02, or a total of $50,879,581.59.

The following statement shows the position of each of these Reserves as they stood at October 31, 1931, the additions thereto provided in the year which ended October 31, 1932, and the amounts and the nature of the charges there against in the last fiscal period:

Niagara System

Reserve for Renewals and Depreciation,

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931		$14,787,015.89
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932		2,173,406.97
		16,960,422.86
Deduct:		
Current expenditures during the year ending October 31, 1932	$205,985.91	
Provision for renewals to October 31, 1931 in respect of Scott Street Steam Plant property which is now disposed of	124,544.42	330,530.33
Balance, October 31, 1932		16,629,892.53

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Niagara System

Sinking Fund, October 31, 1932

Total, October 31, 1931	$19,068,293.89
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932	2,740,660.15
Total, October 31, 1932	21,808,954.04

Niagara System

Reserve for Obsolescence, Contingencies and Stabilization

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931			14,629,578.26
Balance, October 31, 1931 re Dominion Power properties			115,697.72
			14,745,275.98
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932			706,234.58
			15,451,510.56
Deduct:			
Contingencies met with during the year incidental to plant operations		61,428.13	
Cost to the Commission (including provisions for sinking fund $503,451.13 and Renewals $322,065.22) of power delivered to private companies and customers under flat rate contracts in excess of the revenue received from them		1,949,367.83	
Commission's share of American exchange paid during the year by the Province of Ontario on the transfer of funds to New York to meet capital retirements	514,185.18		
Note: Above amount is exclusive of American exchange on interest coupons.			
Less: Profit on English exchange in connection with the transfer of funds to London to retire debenture stock	112,075.20	402,109.98	
Amount appropriated from the Contingency Reserve and applied proportionately to each municipality in reduction of the costs of delivery of power thereto		595,280.80	3,008,186.74
Balance, October 31, 1932			12,443,323.82

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Results of Operation.

The following statement briefly summarizes the results of operation of the Niagara System for the past year:

Niagara System

Operating Account for the year Ending

October 31, 1932

Revenue from Municipal Electric Utilities and other power customers			22,459,448.97
Operation, Maintenance, Administration, power purchased and other current expenses		10,407,006.52	
Interest		10,691,491.55	
Reserves for sinking fund and renewals		3,676,092.54	
		24,774,590.61	
Deduct:			
Cost to the Commission (including provisions for sinking fund $503,451.13 and renewals $322,065.22) of power delivered to private companies and customers under flat rate contracts, in excess of the revenue received from them - which excess has been charged against the Contingency Reserve of the System	1,949,367.83		
Amount appropriated from the Contingency Reserve of the System and applied proportionately to each municipality in reduction of the cost of operation	595,280.80	2,544,648.63	22,229,941.98
Net Surplus credited to Municipalities under cost contracts			229,506.99

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Georgian Bay System

The total Capital invested in properties used for generating, transmitting and transforming power amounts to $8,329,025.78.

The balances in the Reserve accounts as at October 31, 1932 are as follows: Renewals and Depreciation Reserve $1,298,058.48; Sinking Fund $816,185.21; Obsolescence, Contingency and Stabilization Fund $367,197.47, or a total of $2,481,441.16.

The following statement shows the position of each of these Reserves as they stood at October 31, 1931, the additions thereto provided in the year which ended October 31, 1932 and the amounts and the nature of the charges there against in the last fiscal period.

Reserve for Renewals and Depreciation

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931	$1,146,307.18
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932	170,810.26
	$1,317,117.44
Current expenditures during the year ending October 31, 1932	19,058.96
Balance, October 31, 1932	$1,298,058.48

Sinking Fund, October 31, 1932

Total, October 31, 1931	701,427.54
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932	114,757.67
Total, October 31, 1932	$ 816,185.21

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Georgian Bay System

Reserve for Obsolescence, Contingencies and Stabilization

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931		$ 343,311.87
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932		67,961.68
		411,273.55
Deduct:		
Contingencies met with during the year incidental to plant operations	4,090.21	
Share of exchange paid to the Province of Ontario in respect of bonds retired in United States funds during the year	39,985.87	44,076.08
Balance, October 31, 1932		367,197.47

Results of Operation

The following statement briefly summarizes the results of operation of Georgian Bay System for the past year:

Operating Account for the Year Ending

October 31, 1932

Revenue from Municipal electric utilities and other power customers		1,161,831.25
Operation, Maintenance, Administration, power purchased and other current expenses	501,947.89	
Interest	412,557.36	
Reserves for Sinking Fund, Renewals, Obsolescence and Contingencies	265,665.02	1,180,170.27
Net Shortage charged to Municipalities under cost contracts		18,339.02

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Eastern Ontario System.

The total Capital invested in properties used for generating, transmitting and transforming power amounts to $20,179,282.12.

The balances in the Reserve accounts as at October 31, 1932 are as follows: Renewals and Depreciation Reserve $3,056,319.03; Sinking Fund $857,536.86; Obsolescence, Contingency and Stabilization Fund $ 1,314,734.73, or a total of $ 5,228,590.62.

The following statement shows the position of each of these Reserves as they stood at October 31, 1931, the additions thereto provided in the year which ended October 31, 1932 and the amounts and the nature of the charges there against in the last fiscal period.

Reserve for Renewals and Depreciation

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931		$ 2,950,570.04
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932		367,972.63
		3,318,542.67
Deduct:		
Current expenditures during the year ending October 31, 1932	29,546.32	
Accumulated reserves for Renewals in respect of local distribution systems sold to municipalities during the year - employed to write down the book values of such local distribution systems	232,677.32	262,223.64
Balance October 31, 1932.		$ 3,056,319.03

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Eastern Ontario System

Sinking Fund, October 31, 1932

Total, October 31, 1931	$ 659,715.86
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932	197,821.00
Total, October 31, 1932	$ 857,536.86

Reserve for Obsolescence, Contingencies and Stabilization

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931		$ 1,254,868.33
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932		227,767.90
		1,482,636.23
Contingencies met with during the year incidental to plant operations	118,909.69	
Share of exchange paid to the Province of Ontario in respect of bonds retired in United States funds during the year	48,991.81	167,901.50
Balance, October 31, 1932		$ 1,314,734.73

Results of Operation:

The following statement briefly summarizes the results of operation of Eastern Ontario System for the past year:

Operating Account for the Year Ending

October 31, 1932

Revenue from the Municipal electric utilities and other power customers		$ 3,199,177.07
Operation, Maintenance and Administration, power purchased and other current expenses	1,617,605.63	
Interest	968,995.87	
Reserves for Sinking Fund, Renewals, Obsolescence and Contingencies	539,150.66	3,125,752.16
Net Surplus, $25,302.02 of which was credited to Municipalities under cost contracts, and the balance, $48,122.89, (profit from power sold to local distribution systems) was transferred to the credit of Obsolescence and Contingency reserve		$ 73,424.91

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The following summarized statements briefly outline the financial position of the Thunder Bay System to October 31, 1932 and the results of the operation of this System for the last fiscal year.

Thunder Bay System

The total Capital invested in properties used for generating, transmitting and transforming power amounts to $18,480,738.51.

The balances in the Reserve accounts as at October 31, 1932 are as follows: Renewals and Depreciation Reserve $1,140,522.40; Sinking Fund $887,461.03; Obsolescence, Contingency and Stabilization Fund $711,241.06, or a total of $2,739,224.49.

The following statement shows the position of each of these Reserves as they stood at October 31, 1931, the additions thereto provided in the year which ended October 31, 1932 and the amounts and the nature of the charges there against in the last fiscal period.

Reserve for Renewals and Depreciation

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931	$ 955,143.80
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1931	185,676.94
	1,140,820.74
Deduct:	
Current expenditures during the year ending October 31, 1932	298.34
Balance, October 31, 1932	$ 1,140,522.40

Reserve for Sinking Fund

October 31, 1932

Total, October 31, 1931	721,533.64
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932	165,927.39
Total, October 31, 1932	$ 887,461.03

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Thunder Bay System

Reserve for Obsolescence, Contingencies and Stabilization

October 31, 1932

Balance, October 31, 1931		$ 920,639.40
Additions in the year ending October 31, 1932		36,957.94
		957,597.34
Deduct:		
Cost to the Commission (including provisions for sinking fund $28,133.27 and renewals $29,929.18) of power delivered to private companies and customers under flat rate contracts, in excess of the revenue received from them	41,499.15	
Commission's share of American exchange paid during the year by the Province of Ontario on the transfer of funds to New York to meet capital retirements	102,857.13	
Note: Above amount is exclusive of American exchange on interest coupons		
Amount appropriated from the Contingency Reserve of the system and applied proportionately to each municipality in reduction of the cost of delivery of power thereto	102,000.00	246,356.28
Balance, October 31, 1932		$ 711,241.06

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Results of Operation.

The following statement briefly summarizes the results of operation of Thunder Bay System for the past year:

Operating Account for the Year Ending
October 31, 1932

Revenue from Municipal Electric Utilities and other power customers			$ 1,235,438.17
Operation, Maintenance and Administration and other Current expenses		203,224.26	
Interest		1,017,730.35	
Reserves for Sinking Fund and Renewals		284,669.59	
		1,505,624.20	
Deduct:			
Cost to the Commission (including provisions for sinking fund $ 28,133.27 and renewals $ 29,929.18) of power delivered to private companies and customers under flat rate contracts, in excess of the revenue received from them - which excess has been charged against the Contingency Reserve of the System	41,499.15		
Amount appropriated from the Contingency Reserve of the System and applied proportionately to each municipality in reduction of the cost of operation	102,000.00	143,499.15	1,362,125.05
Net shortage charged to Municipalities under cost contracts			$ 126,686.88

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The total Capital investment in all power properties, railways, office and service buildings, construction plant and inventories, etc. administered by the Commission amounts to $273,228,754.22 as at October 31, 1932. This total includes $5,400,000.00 bonds of the Commission given in exchange for $6,000,000.00 par value of Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds. This represents the extent to which the purchase of the Abitibi Canyon property had progressed as at the close of the fiscal year.

The total Reserves of the Commission, including the Niagara, Georgian Bay; Eastern Ontario and Thunder Bay Systems; the Norther Districts; Service Buildings and Insurance, etc. aggregate $66,145,486.61, which is an increase of $3,741,074.72½ over the year 1931, made up as follows:

Sinking Fund Reserves	$24,639,128.46
Renewals Reserves	22,604,698.70
Obsolescence, Contingencies and Stabilization Reserves	14,938,399.89
Public Liability and Staff Insurance Reserves	3,854,019.25
Guelph Radial Reserves	109,240.31
	66,145,486.61

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission is reassuring. There have been difficult times in the past and doubtless there may be ups and downs in the future, but the Report shows that Ontario's municipally-owned undertaking rests upon a sound foundation and has substantial reserves of power and ample financial resources. There is not now - as has so often been the case - any prospect of an early power shortage. The reserves of power, although ample for present Ontario conditions and for the growths in demand required by a moderately rapid return to normal industrial activity, are far from excessive, as is evident from comparison with spare capacities maintained by many large electrical supply organizations elsewhere.

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April 13, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Deer Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Mr. Lewis Whitfield of Brussels, Ont. Mr. Meighen would be glad if you would have draft reply prepared for signature.

Yours very truly,

E. M. Edmondson

Secretary to Mr. Meighen.

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Brussels Ont 130189

April 10. th. 33.

Mr Meighen K. C.

Dear Sir

In looking over the paper I noticed the Hydro's ad. in regards to heaters and etc. and being in the unemployed list would be glad of anything. I am a Plumber and have a Toronto license and not knowing who to apply to would be very thankful to you if you would intervene for me I have tried to keep from getting relief and so far I have every tho I had to break up our home to do so I have the necessary tools and conveyance and could go most any place in Ontario to earn some pay envelope as it will be two years this Oct since I've had work. Now I expect You will have lots of call for help but I hope you will do me" or I should say us as I am married and have a small Family" a favor I am 38 years of age

Yours Sincerely

Lewis Whitfield Brussels Ont.

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12th April, 1933

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I think you ought to know that the editorial in The Journal was not written by me, but by Mr. Ross. I prepared one, but it was not as good or as complete as his.

I am glad to have the information you send, and am filing it away for possible use in the future.

I don't suppose you are hoping that the session will last much longer. But if you don't get your wish you must take an afternoon off some day and have a game of golf.

Sincerely,

M Gallan O'Leary

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OTTAWA, April 11, 1933.

Dear Grattan:

I appreciate very deeply indeed the really splendid editorial in this morning's "Journal". My feeling is all the stronger because the Toronto papers, which allege themselves friendly, have been mighty careful to say not a good word for anybody. This has, of course, been the historic attitude toward myself of one of them. I see "L'Evenement" has done much the same as the "Journal".

What on earth I have done that should expose me to the constant gibes of such papers as the "Toronto Star", without a word of defence from the other Toronto papers, is impossible for me to imagine. However, I care less than I would have at one time.

It may be worth while to add the following just for your own information:

You say I am in practical control of the six Companies mentioned. This really is not correct. I am not in actual control of the management of any of them and have not been. I am, however, the chief officer in the managing company of three of them, having been such only since Mr. Evans' very serious illness--that is, since the latter part of May 1932. The purchases were practically all made before that, subsequent purchases being deferred until near the end of July.

The above refers to the three Investment Companies.

The Dealers Finance Corporation I had nothing to do with the management of at all until August, and never had any investment in it whatever, and have not now.

The London and Western Trusts Company, if it owned bonds at all, would I suppose own them as Trustee.

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I never knew that it had a bond, having had nothing to do with the management until away later on when I became President--indeed, I really have nothing to do with the management yet. The Committee on investments, of which I am not a member, decides these matters.

The Canadian General Insurance Company is another Company in which I have nothing at all to do with the management. Mr. Fess is the General Manager and makes his own investments in accordance with the Insurance Act. I may be a Director, though I do not think from memory I am. Investments anyway do not come before the Board before being made. I have no stock in the Company.

There are other important factors which I have mentioned to you in conversation, and also to Mr. Ross, which have not yet been brought out. I am reserving them for the investigation and do sincerely hope it will be held. My only fear is that critics are going to depend upon misrepresentation, and will avoid any judicial enquiry which would result in a finding.

Again very sincerely thanking you,

Yours truly,

P.S.--You may show this to Mr. Ross if you care to or think he would be interested.

Mr. Grattan O'Leary,
"The Ottawa Journal",
Ottawa, Ontario.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
May 12, 1933.

Dear Grattan:

I suppose you have seen "Saturday Night" published last night. In case you have not, am enclosing clipping. Pretty smooth evasion, is it not? Also Sandwell must be a very deliberate writer. I took the letter in to him Monday afternoon of last week and he does not publish until Thursday noon. What he wanted was to get my letter well buried out of sight and a thing of the past, first.

Phoned you last evening and left my number but had no call. Back Monday morning.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Grattan O'Leary,
c/o "The Journal",
Ottawa, Ontario.

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THE SENATE

347 Bay St.,
TORONTO, May 5, 1933.

Grattan O'Leary, Esq.,
"The Journal"
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Grattan:

You will have seen my letter in the "Saturday Night" which reached Ottawa last evening. At least if you had half an hour to hunt it, you would probably locate it under some advertisements in a back corner. The editor also took great pains never to indicate on the front page that there was such a letter, even though he went about his way to question my word again, and scribbled a lot about the Hydro and the Government, only to demonstrate that he knew nothing about the Hydro organization whatever.

I do not know when I have seen a worse instance of shyster journalism than for "Saturday Night" to ignore a direct, frank challenge such as I put up to them this week. They were caught in a double falsehood, invented by themselves or imposed upon them by Slaght in an effort to prejudice their readers. An apology would have been an act of decency. If ever there was an opportunity to slate an editor, it is here. I cannot conceive a more brazen instance of cowardice and dishonesty.

As to their front page stuff, it merely illustrates that this man, Sandwell, who was very lately brought up from Montreal, has no conception of the history of Hydro at all. He cannot distinguish between what Hydro purchases and what the Government purchases. There is no divided responsibility whatever. Hydro is responsible for what Hydro buys, and the Government is responsible for what the Government buys. In the case of Hydro purchases, as

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a Government loan of money or authorization of bonds is necessary, Hydro must recommend it. It is just palpable nonsense to say that the Government itself cannot purchase property of any description, a power site or anything else, unless it is recommended to do so by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. In the present instance the Government decided to buy it. It wrote a letter to the Hydro Commission notifying us that it had bought it, or rather made an offer to buy it, and of the terms of the offer, and asked us to carry out the terms. Of course, you understand this just as well as I do.

The fact of the matter is Sandwell is against Hydro and all things of the nature of Hydro. H is steeped in the Montreal atmosphere, and to make things worse, has a badly swelled head.

Do not feel that I regard "The Journal" as under any obligation to me in this matter whatever. It has already done something away beyond what any other paper has done (except the "London Free Press") and the great satisfaction I get out of the matter is that in doing so, it is now being vindicated and will get a much greater vindication. While, of course, I would not like anything written that would sound like a partisan challenge to the Liberals of the Senate, I would like to have the Hepburn-Slaght-Sandwell aggregation banged up hard against the wall and pummelled for not being able to get intelligent, experienced and highly capable Liberals in the Senate to pay the slightest attention to their mendacious humbug.

If reference at any time has to be made to the Premier's statement as to Hydro being consulted, it should, of course, be to the effect that his meaning must have been that the Hydro engineering organization was consulted, because, undoubtedly, the Commission as such never was consulted individually. Certainly if I had been, I would have gone carefully into the matter from every angle, but have not the least doubt I would have favoured the taking over of the enterprise at the very best price obtainable, and I highly commend the Government for having done so, and intend to take the first opportunity of saying so publicly.

For your information,

Yours sincerely,

Grattan O'Leary, Esq.
Ottawa, Ont.

P.S.--In anything you write on thise, I would be pleased indeed if you would copy my letter to "Saturday Night". They have tried to conceal it, and the more publicity it gets, the better. Copy enclosed herewith.

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April 13th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
T O R O N T O .

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of April 7th, with enclosed letter from Mr. J. M. MacAdams, also clipping from the Daily Palo Alto Times.

Mr. MacAdams has the faculty of writing articles in a manner which catches the attention of the reading public. This was also evidenced in Mr. MacAdam's article in regard to the Sarnia Hydro-Electric System, which first brought him to our attention.

Yours very truly,

Chief Engineer

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April 13th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr.Meighen:-

This duly acknowledges receipt of your communication from Ottawa under date of April 12th, enclosing a bill from the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company. I am having this matter checked and will forward to you, at as early a date as possible, the information you request.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Confederation Life Association
Toronto, Canada.

April Twelfth
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Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I read a report of your speech in the Senate on the 6th of April, when replying to the remarks of the Honorable Mr. Little with regard to the purchase, by the Ontario Government, of the Ontario Power Service bonds.

May I be permitted to compliment you on the most excellent statement which you made, and to say that I must confess to a rising spirit of resentment against the attacks, not only on yourself, but on Mr. Henry, at this time, because knowing as much as I do of the negotiations which took place preceding the purchase of the bonds in question, I know that your actions cannot be criticized.

If any criticism can be made of Mr. Henry, it can only be by reason of the fact that he did not make a full and complete statement at the close of the negotiations in question. Certainly, there should

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be no criticism of his honesty and correctness of purpose in this transaction.

Yours very sincerely,

VRS:MM

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,

The Senate,

Ottawa, Canada.

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OTTAWA, April 17, 1933.

O P S Bonds vs. Hyde

Dear Mr. Smith:

It was indeed good of you to write me in the terms of your letter of 12th.

The fact is I have had no experience in my life that has been quite so discouraging as this one. One must, of course, have regard to the fact that the public mind is most irritable and unreasoning at this time, but it is hard to forgive newspapers for being so contemptibly lazy as never to get down to work and study facts, but just flippantly and superficially blather away to the injury of men who have done nothing except what was absolutely right and undoubtedly in the public interest.

The most curious thing about the whole situation is that the only persons who are asking for a trial before a competent tribunal are the two men accused. This is the first time in my experience that a holding for an investigation has not been entirely on the other side.

What I said in the Senate was true, every word of it, in substance and in letter, and there are absolutely no facts qualifying that statement in any way. Under these circumstances I defy the whole gamut of them--press and all.

Again thanking you for your letter, and with very kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. V. R. Smith,
Confederation Life Association,
Toronto, Ontario.

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W. R. MORSON
148 BEDFORD ROAD
TORONTO

april 14th 1933

Dear Mr Meighen

I was pleased with your very clear explanation in the Senate. These scandal mongers will not get anywhere with intelligent people but unfortunately part of their audience is ignorant. The only unfavourable comment that I have heard so far is that Mr Henry should have given his answer at once. I heard about the matter in its earliest stages and it was probably hatched in the family from whom I heard it. They said you were in a devil of a fix, and great was the rejoicing thereof.

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W. R. MORSON
148 BEDFORD ROAD
TORONTO

I cannot see that any wrong was done unless there is a rule that a man in public life or who works for a public utility must keep his money under the mattress.

I am sending you two books of mine, one of which you were kind enough to check over for me. "Fine it is to see ones name in print; a book's a book although there's nothing in't."

I know that you are always so busy, so please do not trouble to answer this. I shall see you sometime somewhere.

Yours sincerely

Walter R Morson

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OTTAWA, April 17, 1933.

Dear Mr. Morson: Re S. Bonds re Hydro

It was indeed kind of you to write me in the terms of your letter of 14th.

This has been one of the most mystifying things I have ever experienced. What I said in the Senate was absolutely correct, and further, there were no other facts qualifying the statements there made. Something I should have pointed out, and did not, was that our Investment Companies showed these holdings, though not the amounts, in each of their annual reports since 1929.

It seems very strange that the only men who have expressed the slightest desire or even suggested an enquiry are the men who are being attacked--Mr. Henry and myself. This is about as extraordinary as anything of the kind I have ever seen.

Thanks very much for sending me the books. I shall certainly read them and know I will enjoy them.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. W. R. Morson,
148 Bedford Road,
Toronto, Ont.

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49 Runnymede Rd.
Apl 18/33

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
National Bldg.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir.

In regards to our conversation today I am enclosing letter to Mr F. A. Gaby. re a position with the Hydro Elec. Comm as per your request.

Would also like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind interview to-day.

Hoping that I may receive a favorable reply as to the position, at your earliest convenience.

I am
Yours respectfully.
John W. Kerr.

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OTTAWA, April 19, 1933.

My dear Healy: OPS situation

Thanks very much indeed for your letters of 18th.

Certainly Mr. Martin was misled some way. I do not feel right about the whole matter, because there are certain facts of real importance that I was reserving to be brought out on investigation, which I once felt sure would be called for, but which nobody has asked for except myself. The correspondence I have had would be well worth reading--that is, my own letters.

I do sincerely appreciate the attitude you have taken and the real friendship you have shown. Do hope some time I can get at least half squared with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. A. F. Healy,
Guaranty Trust Co. of Canada,
Windsor, Ont.

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ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

IN REPLY REFER TO

Personal

March 18th 1933

My dear Meighen

You note received - I never had any doubt - of either you honestly or Mr Henry's - what difference does that make in politics? -

The reason I called you was that Paul Martin who made the Hamilton speech and to whom Mr Price wired asking an explanation was advised by Nixon and Hepburn not - to reply then he came to me for advice - (when it was too late) I told him that he had made a mistake - that the Atty. Gen. of any province was entitled to a reply from anyone at any times on any subject - and asked him what - justification he had ~~that~~ for making the statement that other members of the Cabinet Govt - would be connected with the Abitibi deal - He said he had seen copies of correspondence between you and Price on the subject - and the matter was being brought - up in the house that day by Nixon - I told him he was wrong somewhere because I knew you

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were only two anxious to have the matter investigated.

It was too late to do anything about it that day but when I saw that Nixon had not brought it up in the house I thought I had better call you knowing how an ordinary innocent letter can be construed by the unfriendly Press. (and still expect that there is some more publicity to be given the matter) - I wanted you to be prepared.

You may show this letter to Mr Price if you think fit - I think he knows about me - you may use your own judgment.

Otherwise consider this letter in the strictest confidence and destroy it.

Paul Martin did not say he was speaking in confidence but assumed as much I suppose. He is not the type to make such a statement without thinking he was sure of his ground - He has been led astray by someone

Regards
C.W.M.

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ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

IN REPLY REFER TO Crawford

Apr 18th 1933

My dear Meighen

I wrote you this morning but after posting the letter I ran into Paul Martin and questioned him again on the correspondence mentioned in my letter.

He gave me the wrong dope the first time – there is no correspondence between you and Price re Abitibi so do not bother any more about that feature of it.

I either took him up wrong the first time or he has changed his story

Sincerely
A.F.H.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Toronto, April 19th, 1933.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Arthur:

In reference to Hydro matters, I would like to quote to you some extracts from letters received by me from residents in my Riding:

1. "I think the Hydro is not fair to all subscribers as we in and around Alvinston are the second highest payers in the Province. I believe that we are paying according to contract but that is no reason why we should continue to do so as the Hydro belongs to the people and the bonds are backed by the Government. I would suggest that you would at least try to get us around Alvinston exemption from the service charge while times are so hard, starting in again if needs be when times get better and money easier made."

2. "Our Hydro is not fair. I think we should all be on a flat rate. The cities get more country trade than our small towns so I think things should be evened up. Why should we pay more for our light and service. If everybody were on a flat rate you would see hundreds more would have Hydro."

3. "We have plenty of consumers in this locality, and I dare say that this applies to other localities as well, who with present day prices and high taxes are finding it next to impossible to pay their Hydro bills. I would suggest that the Hydro Commission cut the farmers' service charge to say $1.50 per month and rural villages and hamlets to say $1.00 per month until such times as conditions readjust themselves. We are supposed to get power at cost and it seems to me that power can be produced now at least 25% less than a year ago, so why not pass the savings along to the backbone of our Riding, namely the farmers and rural users."

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4. "I am a user of the much investigated Hydro and would like to know why I am forced to pay double liability because there are only two of us using it in the mile, as I fail to see the justice of the charge. In my opinion, if a farmer wishes to use the current he should be allowed to do so without a millstone being hung around his neck. While on the subject of Hydro, it seems to be a very general opinion that a brighter ray of light on the payments to J. Aird would be very wholesome."

5. "The man who can bring about the abolition of the service charge on Hydro for farmers will have the support of every man in the country. In fact, if the present Government will run the next election on that ticket there would be a good chance of their success. The service charge prevents much extension of Hydro lines and comforts for the rural people. If necessary raise the consumption rate a cent or two but eliminate the service charge."

6. "A general reduction in costs of Hydro is overdue and if there is surplus it should be given to the unemployed free."

Such comments as taken from letters received are typical of the comments voiced verbally to me on many occasions. It has come to my attention very forcibly that farmers have signed an agreement regarding Hydro which obligates them for twenty years from the date of installation. Some of these farmers now find themselves, through no fault of their own, with such diminished incomes that they would gladly be relieved of their Hydro contract as a measure of economy and have appealed to the local authorities for such relief. The local authorities are helpless in this situation and the land apparently is held as security. These rural people appreciate Hydro but it is one item that they can do without if needs be under existing circumstances, but they are already tied to a contract and cannot save themselves.

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Hon. Arthur Meighen - Page 3.

Recently I have been reading with interest a large sized advertisement by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission announcing free electric flat rate water heaters, copy of which I am enclosing. This advertisement may not appeal to you as it does to me but I have yet to experience the gift of anything which was free that amounted to very much unless same came from Providence. I note that in this advertisement, as you will note from the underlined section, free is given great prominence. This, I think, is absolutely opposed to the impression our farmers have in regard to Hydro where they are tied up to a contract. They want nothing free but they wish to be relieved, until better times, of the contract to which they have tied themselves. May I say to you in all kindness that such an advertisement is not going over in a very big way with those people who are already finding it difficult to meet their Hydro bills, and if anything is to be given free why not give it to the people who are already patronizing Hydro service?

I am taking the liberty of placing this before you just as it comes to me from the ordinary, everyday people in the country and I trust that you will consider it in the spirit in which it is given, and anything that you may be able to do to lighten the burden of the people who are already users of Hydro will certainly be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F/P
Encl.

M.L.A. for East Lambton.

From Howard Fraleigh

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April 20, 1933.

Mr. Howard Fraleigh,
Forest, Ont.

Dear Howard:

Referring to your letter of 19th, am interested indeed in the comments made by rural subscribers regarding Hydro. The fact is though that the rural subscribers of Hydro are the only ones who get any direct Governmental bounty. All others pay cost complete. The Government in the case of rural subscribers puts up 50% of the capital outlay inrespect of rural extensions. This policy has been in vogue for some ten years.

The trouble is people think the Hydro Commission has funds that it can distribute at its will. On the contrary it has to operate directly under a statute which compels it to deliver to each municipality and to each rural district at cost. If it should go below cost in any one district or municipality, it would have to make up the amount from others, and would be violating the law. Others have taken Hydro contracts on the definite basis of the law and we are powerless to make them pay more than their contracts. The service charges are merely part of the cost. It might be better to have these under another name, but the actual effect would be the same. Besides, if certain farmers, as suggested, were relieved of their contracts, it would merely mean that others in the same districts would have to pay the extra money and these others would have just cause of complaint. The pole lines and so forth were put in on the basis of the long-term contracts. There is no way in the world where rates are so low in rural districts, or anything like so low, as they are under the Hydro. Of course, if they went down to next door to nothing, there would still be complaints. The main thing is that they are absolutely fair and the operation is efficient.

Sincerely yours,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Forest, April 25th-33

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
190-University Ave.
Toronto,Ont.

Dear Arthur;-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. relative to cost of Electric service in Rural Power Districts, and note your comments therein.

The main difficulty with the average Farmer is in the understanding of the Service charge, and while I appreciate that the Service charge is necessary to carry the Fixed charges upon 50% of the Capital investment, it is very difficult for the farmer to understand why the Service charge is necessary. As a suggestion, would it be possible to bill the farmer with a Service charge, of say, 55¢ per month gross, and 11¢ per K.W. Hr. gross for the first 20 K.W. hrs. consumed per month, for the next 42 K.W.Hrs. consumed per month, the standard first rate would apply, and the standard second rate for all the remaining month consumption. You will see that with the Service charge of 55¢ and 11¢ for the first 20 K.W.Hrs. per month that the net Service charge of $2.50, as now charged, is secured. If it would be possible to revise the method of billing along these lines, I would believe that the farmer would be more ameniable to the rates as charged in Rural Districts, as the Service charge, namely, 55¢ gross per month, would be somewhat in line with the Service Charge in the Municipalities, namely, 33¢ gross, per month for two-wire service, and 66¢ per month gross, for three-wire service. I am making these suggestions for your consideration and possible presentation to the Commission for approval.

I have discussed with one of your Engineers the point often discussed with me, regarding the possible cancellation of contracts, and he advises me that it will

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be permissable to cancel individual contracts where the farmer finds it impossible to carry on and meet his payments, but cancellation can only be permitted where there is greater than three contracts to the mile of line. I believe that this point is not generally understood among the farmers of the Community, and I will attempt to pass the information on to individuals that feel that they would require a cancellation of contract.

I wish to thank you again for your letter of the 20th inst. and for explaining so clearly many of the finer points of rural Hydro operation.

Sincerely yours.

H. Fraleigh.

Howard Fraleigh

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April 18, 1933.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Senator Ballantyne;

The enclosed letter speaks for itself.

Please return.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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April 17th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re: Ottawa Conference - Approval Testing.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

For your information I am forwarding you herewith a Report of the Conference on Approval Testing in Canada, held in Ottawa on March 27th last, which includes:-

1. Dr. Tory's letter, March 18th, calling the conference.
2. Dr. Tory's letter, March 22nd, containing suggested agenda.
3. Statement used by Mr. Maguire in presenting the Commission's case before the conference.
4. Mr. Dobson's report describing the proceedings.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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April 17th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am sending you herewith a report received from one of our Assistant Engineers regarding a visit to your residence on April 5th in order to check up the amount of electrical energy used during the last two years, and the bills submitted to you by the Toronto Hydro-Electric System in connection with the same.

I hope this report will give you the information you desire in regard to the matter.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

ANNOUNCEMENT

Free Electric Flat Rate Water Heaters for Every Hydro Home in Ontario

To THE CITIZENS *of* ONTARIO

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is prepared to place in every Hydro home a flat rate electric water heater at no charge to the consumer. This means that an electric heater complete with accessories—heating element, thermostat and tank insulation and the necessary wiring—will be installed in any Hydro home in Ontario where facilities exist *absolutely free of all installation cost to the consumer*. All the consumer has to do is to pay for the current he uses at a new low flat rate. This plan provides for the free installation of "Flat Rate Water Heaters" only where such electric hot water heaters are not already installed. This offer will be made for a limited period of time—the expiry date to be announced later.

In homes where a "Booster" heater may be required in addition to the "Flat Rate Water Heater" installation will be made and the consumer will pay a nominal monthly charge which may give him exclusive ownership of the heater at the end of a five-year period

Why this offer is made to you

The Hydro Commission submits this offer to the people of Ontario for two reasons:

To increase consumption of electrical power.
To set to work as many Ontario citizens as possible.

UNUSED POWER. Owing to the present long-continued depression, resulting in the slackening of industry throughout the province and the material falling off in the consumption of power by industrial consumers, the Commission possesses power capacity which if not used will be lost. In order to absorb this power the Commission is prepared to install electric water heaters in all Hydro homes *free of cost*, believing that mutual benefits will be conferred on (a) the user through free equipment and a water heating service superior in availability, convenience and comfort to any other method of water heating; (b) the Commission through revenue obtained by the sale of power.

EMPLOYMENT. The plan of the Commission to install *free* electric water heaters in all Ontario Hydro homes will directly stimulate employment, in addition to benefits to be derived from economy, convenience and increased comfort in the home. Orders have already been placed with factories located in various parts of the Province which have created employment for skilled and unskilled labour and resulted in the purchase of raw materials and the disbursement of wages. There is scarcely a home in Ontario which will not be affected beneficially by this plan of free installation of electric water heaters.

Task will take time

Despite the fact that this plan has been given many months of study and preparation by the engineering staff of the Commission it will take time for the factories of the Province to produce all the equipment called for. Raw materials must be bought — special tools devised — dies cut — machinery installed and even new industries established before we can be assured of a steady supply of heaters built to our standards and specifications. We have already secured the utmost co-operation from electrical, mechanical and allied trades in the Province. Costs of equipment have been worked to a new low level providing at the same time fair wages to those who have found employment and a fair return to all those engaged in production.

The Hydro Commission has set itself a task of considerable magnitude. There are hundreds of thousands of Hydro homes. Industry and employment are given impetus under the plan. The free installation of electric water heaters eventually pays for itself in power consumed. The plan will cost you nothing. It will give you lasting benefits, the first cost of which has not obligated you for one cent. Every home — every resident — the whole Province will be benefited, stimulated and enriched.

From time to time the Commission will advertise details of progress. We confidently anticipate your interest and co-operation in a plan by which all will profit. Watch for the next announcement by this Commission. Your own Hydro officials will gladly furnish further information.

HON. J. R. COOKE, M.L.A., *Chairman.*
C. ALFRED MAGUIRE, *Commissioner.*
RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, P.C., K.C., *Commissioner.*
W. W. POPE, *Secretary.*

130220

April 20, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Mr. Meighen has asked me to send you the enclosed application from Mr. John W. Kerr of Toronto.

Yours very truly,

E. Secretary.

Encl.

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190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

April 21, 1933.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Employees Relations Dept.

Mr. John W. Kerr,
49 Runnymede Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of April 18th in which you make application for employment with this Commission.

We regret to advise that at the present time we have nothing whatever to offer you, due to the fact that it has been necessary to reduce our staff, rather than increase it. We will, however, place your letter on file for reference, should an opening develop at a later date.

Yours very truly,

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTATIO

F. A. Gaby

Chief Engineer.

WHM/GB

This Copy for:-Miss E. M. Edmondson
Secretary to Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

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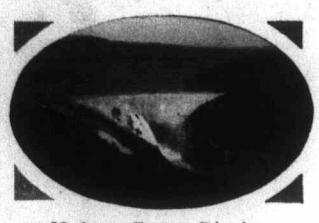
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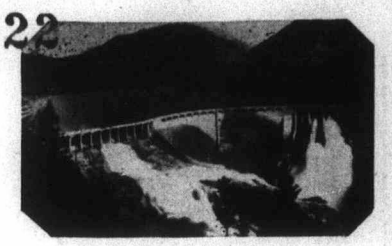
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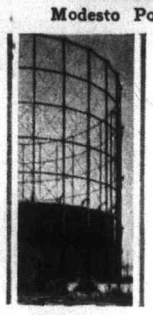
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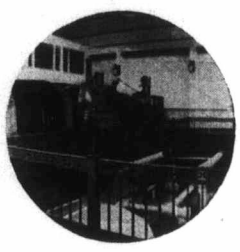
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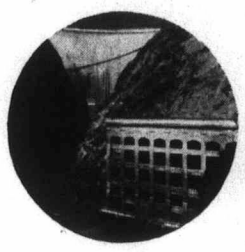
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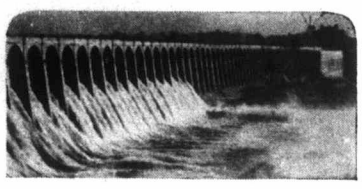
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April 21, 1933.

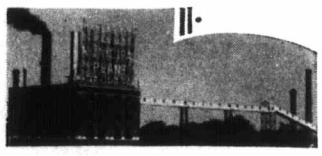
Right Honorable Arthur Meighen,
P.C., K.C., Commissioner,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission
of Ontario,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont., Can.

Muscatine, Iowa

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I have just finished reading with keenest interest your article on "Money" in the March issue of "The Bulletin" of your Commission.

We have come to regard this question as one of a most vital and important nature, and we are very glad indeed to note that you have taken it up in The Bulletin. We are making an earnest and exhaustive study of this subject and intend to follow it persistently until we have read everything of importance and gotten to the very roots of the matter. Others of our associates here are likewise pursuing a study of this subject and I am writing to inquire if you would be kind enough to send us a few extra copies - two or three at least - of the March issue of The Bulletin containing your article. If there is any charge let us know and we will gladly remit.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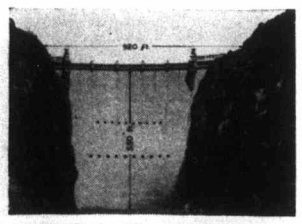
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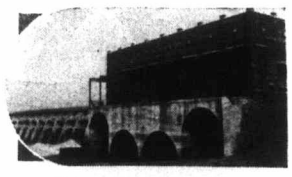
Cordially yours,
Carl D. Thompson
Carl D. Thompson,
Secretary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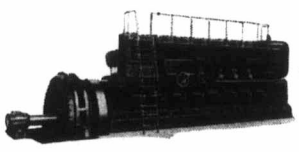
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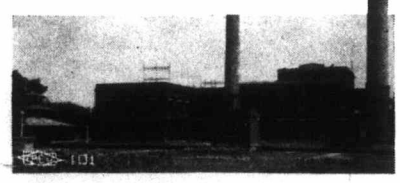
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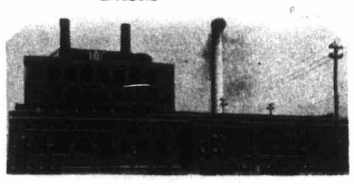
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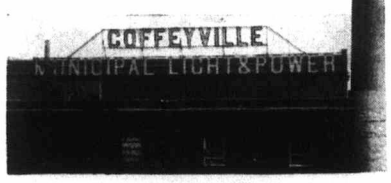

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731 Madrono Avenue, PaloAlto, Calif.
April 2nd, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen :

Thanks, greatly, for securing me the temporary return of a report of mine, as per correspondence.

The Commission has before it the question of publicity for Hydro, (as I gather from Mr. R. T. Jeffery's covering letter), and it occurs to me that you may be interested in the enclosed clipping as an illustration of a vital point in regard to publicity and public relations.

The point is merely that the man in charge of producing the maximum of public good-will and public information as toward Hydro and its policies and objectives must be a person who can prove his ability to "make news out of the story". The test of this is the ability to write so interestingly that his produced material will sell on its merits, and to speak to a gathering of strangers in a manner which will win a full report, a front-page prominence and editorial backing for the views advanced.

The same thing which I am doing in California to stimulate interest and pride in their publicly-owned utilities can be done in Ontario. The matter enclosed will not be of interest, as it has nothing to do with Hydro and is not well reported, but the manner in which it is featured illustrates my point that a public-utility story is not 'dry' unless given mediocre handling.

An illustration of how reader-interest can be given to an article on Hydro sufficient to command a payment from the publisher will be found in a magazine article of mine mailed to Mr. Jeffery or in my reply to N.E.L.A. criticisms of Hydro republished from the proceedings of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.

Yours very truly

J. M. MacAdams

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April 7, 1933.

Mr. J. N. McAdams,
731 Hamilton Avenue,
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear Mr. McAdams:

I have your letter of April 2nd and thank you for submitting the very interesting material which you have provided.

We are doing some advertising here now but along different lines. I am discussing the matter with Mr. Gaby.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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April 22, 1933.

Mr. J. M. MacAdams,
731 Madrono Avenue,
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear Mr. MacAdams:

Further to my letter of 7th April in reply to yours of 2nd., I have since made it a point to speak to Mr. Gaby on the subject. I cannot say further, except that he has a high opinion of your capacity for writing in a manner to attract and hold public attention.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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OTTAWA, April 25, 1933.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

It just occurred to me this morning that perhaps I should write you in view of the conversation I had last night.

You remember my giving you an account of certain approaches made me from the Globe. I repelled them defiantly and have continued that attitude to this minute. Last night the same man phoned me twice. The first interview ended with my attitude just as challenging as ever. So did the second for that matter, but in the second interview, during which he begged me to see Mr. Jaffrey, who, he said was anxious to see me, he told me that the Globe was going to have some editorial this week remedying to a degree at least the unfair position they took a week or so ago as respects myself. He also told me--and this is what I am specially writing about--that the Globe had come to the conclusion that the Premier had not treated me fairly. I told this man, whom you know as Mr. R., that the Premier had treated me entirely fairly and that the Globe had not, and to tell them so. It has just occurred to me to-day that I should let you know this so that whatever they say, the Premier may be assured that I am making no complaint of him whatever, and never have.

As regards that statement which was prepared for the press, I want to repeat that it is not a correct statement in that it implies that the members of the Commission individually had knowledge of the details of the negotiations. The Premier has already said that I had not, and certainly I did not have such knowledge. As stated before, you no doubt

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told the Premier that we were all favourable to the acquirement, and so we were, and you had a perfect right to say so, but that is different from intimating (as this statement for the press intimates) that we had ourselves knowledge of the details of the negotiations, and consequently, of the price.

I am sure from memory I never saw the statement prepared for the press, because I would have insisted on its correction from this standpoint.

This letter is, of course, a personal one but you can show it to the Premier if you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Meighen.

Hon. John R. Cooke,
Chairman,
Hydro Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

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The Hon. Arthur Meighan
Toronto
Ontario,

Dear Sir-

The thought I had in mind in visiting you yesterday was to be of service,as I beleived I had a suggestion that might be of service to you.

It may interest you tomknow that all your old supporters have not deserted you , and that I for will be glad to champion your cause either in personal conversation or on the publick platform should the occassion arise.

Your gracious reference to my late Uncle has been forwarded to my Aunt who will appreciate it as much as I did myself.

respectfully yours

E.W. Murchison

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F. A. Gaby,
Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

HONOURABLE STEVENS WILL SEE US TOMORROW WEDNESDAY MORNING AT ELEVEN

ARTHUR MEIGHEN

Charge Senator Meighen,
The Senate,
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April 25/1933

Dear Senator Meighen:

I learned today, from a source which is beyond any doubt reliable and accurate, that the mail is now controlled by the crooks and a Yankee Jew named A.R. Pantstein. Killam is still in it, but he has lost nearly everything he ever had and Pantstein is practically filling up the Mails with Jews; reporters, clerks, and

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the like. One of their chief daily reporters at the Parliament Bldgs now is an Australian or New Zealand Jew, and there are a number around the Office, recently appointed, at King & Bay.

You must make an "appreciation", as they call it in military operations, of this situation in order to understand its political and far-reaching significance.

I could write on it for hours, but just look at the private ownership

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1. Are you interested in Canadian Government, Municipal, Public Utility or Corporation bonds?

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2. Do you hold any at the present time?

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3. Would you care to receive our regular American institutional offering list of Canadian bonds?

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4. Have you a bond department?

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5. If so, would you be interested in underwritings and wholesale offerings of new Canadian issues?

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6. Would you care to receive a regular quotation list of Canadian bonds from our Trading Department?

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7. Do you expect to purchase or sell any Canadian bonds within the next three months?

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power, press, and paper interests of both Killam and Grantstein and you will see how they are both anti-Hydro, and anti-government ownership in their business and political outlook, relations and supporters. They are taking full advantage of this Hydro- and Aluminum flare-up to get in some of their dirty political work through their owned and controlled newspaper, the Mail, by knocking

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for Henry, and the Conservative Government, and, incidentally, trying to undermine and discredit the Ontario Hydro system and administration, and its officials.

At this very moment Killam and his friends are creating a fight on power questions before the Nova Scotia legislature which has given the Liberal opposition down there

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a strong handle to fight the Conservative Party with at the election to be held there this year. It is in all the newspapers of that Province for the last two weeks. 4

They seem to be stirring up political dirt of the same kind here, and something should be done, or some steps taken to expose

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these photos.
you will remember
Grantstein figured in a
former and newspaper
ownership investigation
at Washington during
the last two years,
and a couple of volumes
of evidence and exhibits
were published in connection
with that inquiry which
caused Grantstein
to sell out all his
newspaper interests
and return to Canada.

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Thomas this same fellow is said to practically run or own the Nelson Brunswick Fremont Stanley Power Pulp and Paper entanglements.

You will also see the chain and links of connection with Bennett and Dunning through Frankstein being associated with Thomas in the reorganization of

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what I call a gigantic swindle that Canada must pay for power cos and another one at Montreal.

They are all on the Boards of Lustre.

So you can see where the Beatty and Nail anti-Toy, anti-Hydro, anti-Meighen influence comes, and originates.

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you will have to look well to the Hydro affairs and there strong anti influences on the Conservatives will be swamped or undermined through the machinations intrigues, and manipulations of those political blackguards and racketty promoters.

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The propaganda against you comes through the "publicity" department of the C.P.R. from some of its high officials, urging the parties I told you to shame you as hard as possible over this Hydro affair.

You must see Harry on your return. He will be glad

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to have you come and have a talk with him. He wants to help you all he can, but you do not nurse the press enough. It is not enough to simply try and dictate what you want them to believe and understand. You must show them. They are strangers and from Missouri, and

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want to be shown all the facts, and you will find them glad to assist you in every way practicable and possible. Harry says there is not a person on the platform who wants to cause you one bit of harm, but say you do yourself more harm by not coming to Ottawa with

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answers and explanations
and you can have all the
space you desire. But
you do not do that, so
they say, ~~[illegible]~~ being
content to sit back
while the other fellow
slams hell out
of you. Why not now
turn around and give
~~[illegible]~~ them a kick
so hard that they will
think an elephant

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has stepped on their
seats with his whole
body and four legs.
I want you to have
the little information
given herewith. I think
its implications are
important, and will
give you a view of things
and some political
"leads" which may
help you to see land
through the fog.
Good luck!
Sincerely yours,
[illegible]

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Bill Clysdale told me today that you must not resign or leave the Hydro under any circumstances. He wants to see you when you come back. Make sure and see him.

R.B.R

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OTTAWA, April 26, 1933.

Mr. R. A. Reid,
Kent Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Reid:

I have your letter of 20th.

All that is necessary to say now is this:--

The facts I gave to Mr. Anderson's Assistant Editor were absolutely correct; the facts I stated in the Senate were correct. If the Globe had reason to question any of them, it would have seemed to me the fair thing to have taken the matter up with me and ascertained what evidence there was in support of those facts. I offered Mr. MacIntosh access to the books or anything else he desired, and I could, of course, support them in any way they want. Instead of doing this they chose to assume them to be false and to call upon me publicly to take a position which would have disgraced my family as well as myself.

As stated to you Monday, I have not made any complaint as to Premier Henry. He is not only an honest man but a fair man. He has made, I think, a statement which implies more than he intended and which has given rise to some questionings. The facts are absolutely as I have stated.

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Referring to your last page, I have not the slightest thought of resigning from the Hydro Commission and never have had. My other obligations in our own organization are mainly obligations of honour and are certainly not held for the sake of the salary, for in the cases of the Investment Companies I have no salary whatever, directly or indirectly. This, of course, the public does not know, and it is hardly my duty to tell them.

Yours very truly,

Mr. R. A. Reid,
Kent Building,
Toronto, Ont.

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LYNN B. SPENCER, K. C.
WELLAND, ONT.

April 26th, 1933.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, Esq.,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Re Plymouth Cordage.

You will remember this was a 10-10 year renewal contract of which we received notice of termination.

I wonder if you have anything to say to me about it. If not, I shall leave it until I see you again.

Yours sincerely,

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OTTAWA, April 27, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Please speak to me at the meeting tomorrow re L. B. Spencer and the Plymouth Cordage Company renewal contract.

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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April 29th, 1933.

Mr. James G. Parmelee,
Deputy Minister,
The Department of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission notes from your communication of April 13th that its application for license for the export of electrical energy for the purpose of supplying the contract entered into with the Niagara Lockport and Ontario Power Company to the amount of 45,000 horsepower has been held, pending an arrangement for settlement of fees for export of such power under the above mentioned license.

This matter was fully dealt with by the Government on various occasions, and it was the Commission's understanding that no further claim would be made on account of this contract, in view of the special circumstances brought to your attention on behalf of the Commission at a recent meeting with the Hon. Mr. Stevens.

The Commission was advised of the statement made by the Minister dealing with this matter in the House on June 18th, 1926, in a letter from Mr. O'Hara dated June 22nd, 1926, which was further confirmed by the Minister on October 30th, 1928, when he advised Mr. Magrath, the then Chairman, that the matter was settled and that no further claim would be made in connection with this particular contract, and further authorized Mr. Magrath to put a statement on file to the effect that the matter was closed so far as the Government was concerned, and that instructions were being issued not to press for payment on this account.

In compliance with your request of the 27th instant, I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Magrath's memorandum of November 1st, 1928.

Yours very truly,

SECRETARY.

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MEMORANDUM:

Re: Export of 60,000 H.P. to New York at Niagara Falls.

Attached hereto is a copy of Hansard of June 18th, 1926, in which Mr. Robb refers to the non-collection of the Export Tax as follows: "There was a question as to whether we "had a right to charge on export duty on certain contracts that "were made prior to the Export Act becoming law many years ago. "We did not want to go into the Courts with the case and I have "recently instructed the Deputy not to press for payment on ac-"count of those contracts. They were contracts made prior to "this becoming law."

I have felt that it would be desirable to have something more definite from the Government, and on the 18th September 1928 I prepared a letter addressed to Mr. Robb on the subject and which is attached hereto. It will be observed that it has not been signed hence it was not presented to Mr. Robb.

I was only able to reach Mr. Robb on the 30th October in his office in Ottawa. I started to give him the substances of my draft letter of the 18th September 1928 when he broke in and said that matter has been settled, and he said something about wanting to know what I was worrying about. I referred to his statement in the House to the effect that he had given instructions not to "press for payment". He said that he was under the impression he had discussed the matter with the Department of Justice and was told that it was questionable if the Government could collect any such tax.

He then made a remark about the matter being in the department presided over by Mr. Malcolm. I said I presumed Mr. Malcolm would not care to take any action because possibly the Cedar Rapids people would demand like treatment. He immediately replied by saying that the situation was entirely different; that the contract for the export by the Hydro was made previous to the passage of the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act, which of course is quite correct. He went on to say that the Cedars Rapids contracts for the export of power were since that date.

I asked him then if I might put a statement on file in the Hydro office to the effect that it was his opinion that the matter was closed and he said that I might; that so far as "this Government is concerned" the matter was at an end, or words to that effect. Hence I feel that it is unnecessary to go any further with this matter, as Mr. Robb's action in this matter will be respected by no matter what Government happens to be in power.

(Sgd) C.A.M.
Chairman.

November 1st, 1928.

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May 1, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I answered a letter of Howard Fraleigh, M. L. A. for Lambton, regarding certain criticisms farmers are making as to Hydro rates, chiefly against the service charge. Enclosed is a further letter from him with a suggestion. Possibly you would have someone prepare a short memorandum for me which I could use to throw light on the value of this suggestion.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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THE SENATE
CANADA

May 1st —

Editor Saturday Night

Sir

In your last issue (29th April) you inform your readers that the facts regarding the Hydro Electric Power Commission and the Ontario Power Service Corporation are not as they were represented by me to be in my speech in the Senate on 6th April of last month — which speech you take upon yourself to describe as an "apologia". I take the occasion to assure you and through you your readers that the facts are entirely as stated by myself at that time and there are no qualifying facts.

Inasmuch however as you intimate in your editorial that "more will be heard of this matter in the Senate" presumably by way of attack upon myself and my statement of 6th April. There is no need of elaborating on the subject now. I will await the opportunity which you are good enough to forecast. The Senate is the proper place in which I feel is the proper place to launch charges or attack of any kind against me. There are very able men, in that body as well as on the Government side, sitting on the Liberal side. Permit me to urge you in making certain to leave no stone unturned to see that this is done

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THE SENATE
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My chief ~~purpose~~ object in writing is to refer to another feature of your article:— For the very obvious purpose of prejudicing your readers you say that I "entered the Senate for the express purpose of effecting its purgation ..." and that at which the "purgation did not go very far" I introduced "on that occasion" for the first time in Canadian Constitutional theory "the doctrine of the power of expulsion by majority vote" ~~I do say~~

It may perhaps be ~~assumed~~ conceded that I am capable of expressing my own purposes and I now ask you to tell me when and where I expressed the purpose you attribute to ~~me~~ me above. I also call upon you to substantiate ~~your statement~~ that I introduced the doctrine which you ~~define~~ ascribe to me. If you cannot succeed (and you certainly cannot) would you be good enough to show your readers that I even mentioned it! Fortunately everything said in the Senate is recorded— consequently you will have no difficulty in producing quotation from my words of what you have ~~stated~~ written is true

Cullen McGregor

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OTTAWA, May 2, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Please have draft reply prepared for me to the enclosed letter of E. J. Collins.

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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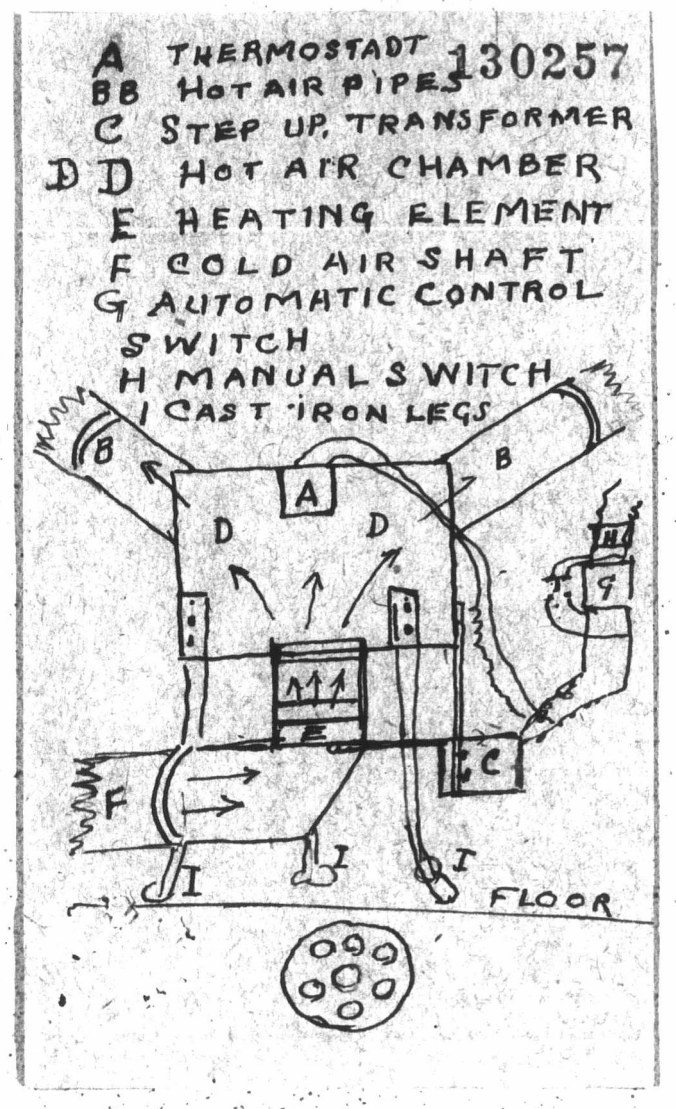

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44 First Ave.
Toronto Sept. 27th

Honorable Sir

I trust you will pardon the liberty I am taking in writing you - but in view of the fact that the Hydro Electric system is installing free, to Hydro users, a hot water heating installation, at a fixed rate - might I suggest that you go a step further and instal heating apparatus under same conditions, I am sure that apparatus can be made and installed at a minimum cost the advantages of which would be so obvious that it is unnecessary for me to dilate upon it. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a diagram of my idea of such apparatus - Trusting this may meet with your approval

Sincerely and respectfully
Yours Eugene Hallin

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Answered for Mr. Meighen's signature by R.T.J. May 6th, 1933.

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May 6th, 1933.

Mr. E. J. Collins,
44 First Avenue,
T O R O N T O .

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favour of April 27th, regarding the matter of electric heater to be installed in furnaces for the heating of houses, I beg to advise you that this matter has been taken up with our Engineering Department, and I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a letter that has been mailed to a number of Municipalities, which have forwarded Resolutions to the Commission asking for electric power to be supplied for house heating. I believe this letter is self-explanatory and clearly sets out the reasons why the heating of houses by the use of electric power is not economically feasible.

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Mr. E. J. Collins

If you should desire any additional information in this connection, kindly write the Commission as I know they will be glad to assist you in every way possible regarding same.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER.

RTJ:M.

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OTTAWA, May 3, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Attached is letter from J. L. Murray of Renfrew, regarding that Quebec Separate School Tax matter. No doubt this is being adjusted, but apparently there is delay.

You might kindly write Mr. Murray an acknowledgment direct, with such further information as you can give him.

Yours very truly,

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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The Mud-Slinger

Hepburn's Rampage of Villification of Honest Public Men Continues.

It has been said on more occasions than one that those whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad. If that be true then the Gods must surely be casting longing eyes in the direction of one Mitchell F. Hepburn, the present leader of the Ontario Liberal party. We, together with many prominent members of the Liberal party, have often wondered why the great Liberal party of this province selected a man of Mr. Hepburn's type to fill so important a position as Opposition Leader and chief of what is, after all, a grand old party.

Surely those members of the Liberal party who still cherish the historical traditions of their party, must feel somewhat nauseated when they read or hear the continuous barrage of filth put forward by Mr. Hepburn in the name of the Liberal party. If these diatribes were coming from the lips of a communist agitator one could more readily understand and so discount motives, but coming as they do from the mouth and pen of the so-called leader of a constructive party, it is no surprise for us to learn that many members of the party are becoming alarmed at the indiscretions of their leader.

It would seem that since his elevation to leadership Mr. Hepburn has suffered from a paucity of constructive thought, and at the same time has been afflicted with an attack of verbosity.

His embittered and continuous attack on the personal character of every man who does not see eye to eye with himself is rapidly making Mr. Hepburn's name synonymous with that of Chicago's mud-slinging ward heelers. And, what is more unfortunate, he is dragging the Liberal party through the slimy trails of muddied waters with him.

According to Mr. Hepburn's logic,—or lack of it,—so far as it has gone, the only really honest man in politics today is Mitchell F. Hepburn.

Having run the gamut of nearly every other public man and institution in Ontario Mr. Hepburn has now arrived at the door of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, and the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario. Doubtless the Liberal leader has found out that his unwarranted attack on Premier Henry's personal character has left more mud sticking to his own fingers than which clung to the person of Mr. Henry. Be that as it may, when Mr. Hepburn picks on Hon. Arthur Meighen and the Hydro Commission as the objectives of his mud-slinging tactics, he will need more than his own imagination to get away with it. We doubt that even the Toronto Daily Star,—strong as it is in its criticisms of Conservative leaders and policies,—will swallow itself and support Mr. Hepburn in his unsupportable attack on Mr. Meighen and the Hydro.

The Star, in spite of its virulent independence, has often,—if our memory serves us right,—said many pleasant things about Arthur Meighen. Never, we are certain, has that organ ever questioned his honesty and integrity as a statesman or as a private citizen.

Apparently Mr. Hepburn wants to know if the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen has purchased any of the Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds at par or under. Frankly, we don't know and we don't care. Moreover, what does it matter to us as citizens and taxpayers whether he did or didn't. We do know, however, that Mr. Meighen is far from being even moderately well off in this world's goods, and if he did, as thousands of other Ontario citizens did, invested a few hundreds in what was then regarded as a safe long-time investment, what business is it of ours, or Mr. Hepburn's? Surely if a man saves a little money from a comparatively modest salary, and invests it in Ontario's public utilities, he should be commended for his faith in his country and province, rather than have his name dragged through the mud and slime of Mr. Hepburn's too prolific imagination.

Again, Mr. Hepburn demands an investigation of Hydro, and all its works. It would seem that like Nero, Mr. Hepburn relies solely on the butcher to provide a Roman holiday, and again, like Nero, he is prompted by the same motive, i.e., an utter lack of any constructive thought or ideas, that would help the people in any practical manner. That device was old even before the Caesars, and is today as transparent and ineffective as the wailings of a spoilt child. Investigations are costly to the taxpayers and seldom if ever yield anything of value. Previous investigations have shown the Hydro as one of the best managed public utilities in the world. To investigate again is a sheer waste of time and money.

Returning to Mr. Hepburn's attack on the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, it is hoped that the Liberal leader in Ontario will do a little more practical research work and not depend too much on a fertile if somewhat warped imagination. If he does so he will find that every man who has ever had any personal, business, or political relations with Mr. Meighen will vouch for his honesty and sincerity of purpose. The directors, shareholders and policy-holders of the Canadian Fire Insurance Company, of which Mr. Meighen is president, are quite sure of this. So are the ordinary citizens of this country who have invested their savings with the Provident Investment Co., of which we believe Mr. Meighen is also president. As a man of simple taste and high moral integrity Mr. Meighen has nothing to fear from the scurrilous attacks of any man, much less those coming from such an ill-informed and biased a source as the lips of Mitchell Hepburn.

For Mr. Hepburn to question the sincerity and honesty of Messrs. Cooke and Maguire as members of the Hydro Commission—men who have given years of praiseworthy service—is an insult to the intelligence of the citizens of this Province.

Our readers may perhaps wonder why we—as a labor paper—go to this length to defend Arthur Meighen and Hydro from these mud-slinging attacks. First, we want to see a better class of citizens take an active interest in the political life of our country. They will never do this so long as they and their families are subject to the filthy tactics reminiscent of Chicago's Big Bill Thompson. Secondly Hydro is a monument to the work of organized labor and farmers of this province. There have always been those who wished, and still would destroy it if they could. These would-be destroyers find great satisfaction when the leaders of an old time political party use the Hydro Commission as a chopping block to gain their personal political aims.

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May 2nd, 1933

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.,

Dear Sir;-

I enclose a copy of an advance editorial to be published in the May 14th issue of The Labor Leader.

I would be glad to have any comments, or suggested changes if you desire to make them.

I feel that it is time that the Labor movement commence an active campaign in defence of an institution that Labor had such a large part in creating, and which is now evidently to be menaced by sinister interests, through misguided politicians.

Trusting that your service to Ontario may be of long duration,

Yours very truly,

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OTTAWA, May 5, 1933.

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

I have your letter of 2nd and appreciate very highly indeed the stand you have taken. All I can do is to assure you that what I said in the Senate on the 6th of April on this matter was entirely correct. I had to speak from memory but have checked over details since and you may depend upon the statements there being verified at any time desired. You will easily realize on reading the speech of that date that if the facts there stated are true, they are absolutely conclusive.

Referring specially to the article you sent me, I might point out, not at all by way of criticism but merely for your information, that I am not President of Canadian Fire Insurance Company and have no connection with it whatever. I presume you meant Canadian General Insurance Company. I am not President of this either and am not even on the Board. The investments are made entirely under Mr. Fess, the Manager.

I am not President or connected with any Company called Provident Investments Company, but am associated with Canadian General Securities Limited, which has a management contract with Canadian General Investments Limited and Third Canadian General Investment Trust Limited.

I may add that the London & Western Trusts Company of which I am President has been held up also, I am owner of a lot of bonds. When I spoke to the did not know whether they owned any or not, and find since that they had none at all. They were Trustees of Estates which had some.

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All this shows how dishonest and malignant is the whole campaign. I may add that it is probable a letter over my signature will appear in this week's issue of Toronto Saturday Night, which they will find it impossible to answer.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

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United Mine Workers
Order of Railroad Telegraphers
Can. Brotherhood Railroad Emp

May 4th,1933

Hon.Arthur Meighen;
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.,

Dear Senator Meighen;-

Thanks for your letter of May 3rd.

I have made the necessary corrections from the facts you were good enough to supply.

You can rest assured that The Labor Leader and the writer will both do all in their power to place Mr.Hepburn and his followers in their true light before the citizens of this Country.

Yours very truly,

THE LABOR LEADER

R. J. Stevenson

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347 Bay Street,
TORONTO, May 5, 1933.

Arthur R. Ford, Esq.,
"The London Free Press",
London, Ontario.

Dear Arthur:

I am sending you a copy of letter I have written Grattan this morning. This week at Ottawa I showed Grattan copies of the Hydro records establishing to the very letter everything I said in the Senate. Am not asking anything from you whatever, but just send you all this for information.

I think by remaining patient under this brutal and scurrilous diatribe, I can at last see that the turn has come.

Very sincerely,

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May 1st 1933.

Hon. Allen Meighen

Dear Sir.

I am again writing you regarding the poles at Elsterton, which I hope the Hydro would be able to clean out for my brother's estate. About a year has elapsed since I last wrote you. I did not like to bother you since, because I know you are a very busy man. At this distance away I find it hard to handle these poles in the estate. I would be very grateful to you Hon. Meighen if you could give this matter just a little push.

Yours Truly
(Sgd) C. A. Armstrong

Box 198 Cobalt.

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May 5, 1933.

Dr. E. F. Armstrong,
Cobalt, Ont.

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

I just received your letter to-day and have already seen Mr. Gaby. He tells me that the Commission has really so many poles on hand they could not justify taking more at present, but will not lose sight of this matter.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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49 Runnymede Rd.
Apr 26/33

Rt. Hon Archer Meighen
Toronto. Ont.

Dear Sir.

In regards to the letter which I addressed to Mr. F.A. Gaby and forwarded to you. I am enclosing a reply I received from said letter

You no doubt will notice this letter is far from being encouraging.

I received a letter from Hon. A.C. Casselman last week end and he advises me that it is impossible for him to do anything for me in Ottawa as all the positions in Ottawa are filled through a civil service Commission and hoped that I would be able to receive something

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here.

I think I told you my financial condition during our interview and I sincerely hope that you will be able to do something for me.

Hoping you will be able to do something for me as I am certainly in need and will take any kind of a job you can offer.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience.

I am
Yours respectfully
John W. Kerr

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April 29, 1933.

Mr. John W. Kerr,
49 Runnymede Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I have your letter of 26th. You can depend upon my doing anything I can when something appears in sight, but naturally I will not be able to be ferreting around. Am writing this only with the idea that you will not feel like depending upon something quick turning up here.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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OTTAWA, May 4, 1933.

Dear Mr. Murray:

I have yours of 2nd. Am sorry if there has been delay as I understood this matter had been satisfactorily adjusted. Am taking it up again with the Chief Engineer who will probably be writing you direct. There is no need at all of any threat of action. The Hydro Commission has no object in the world except to treat the matter with absolute fairness.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. L. Murray,
Renfrew, Ont.

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Mr.Meighen.

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May 5th, 1933.

Mr. J.L. Murray,
Renfrew,
Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Mr.Meighen has written me under date of May 3rd, forwarding your letter addressed to him in reference to correspondence between the Ontario Hydro and the Municipality of Portage du Fort re the payment of taxes by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission on undeveloped water at that location and, after investigating the matter fully, I would advise you as follows.

Correspondence has taken place between the Department of Education of the Province of Quebec and ourselves, the last letter having been received by us on April 29th from Hon. Cyrille Delage, Superintendent. I am advised that cheque for $598.95, payable to the Municipality of Portage du Fort, was forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer, Oswald McDonald on April 21st, this being satisfactory and in keeping with instructions from his office. On checking back we find that this was cashed through the Bank of Nova Scotia, Shawville, Quebec, on April 26th.

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#2.

May 5th, 1933.

Trusting that upon receipt of this cheque a satisfactory settlement in reference to the payment of these taxes has been made, I am,

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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May 19th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

As requested by your favour of May 1st, a report has been prepared regarding the suggestion made by Mr. H. Fraleigh for a reduction in the rural service charge, and I am enclosing for your signature a suggested reply to his letter of April 25th, which I am returning herewith.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Women's Auxiliary, Canadian Assoc of Stationary Engineers.

May, 22nd., 1933.

Hon. Sen. A. Meighan,
Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission,
190, University Avenue, Toronto.

Dear Sir.

On Saturday 20th., inst. the Executive Council of the Toronto National Labour Day Committee, representing unions listed in margin, confirmed the following resolution, and directed it be sent to you.

Moved:- That at the inception of the Hydro Electric System of Ontario, it was understood by the people of Ontario, that the publicly owned electrical development projects would be free from political interference; but as recent events have shown that the whole question of Hydro Electric Development is going to be made a political football in the political arena, for purposes of political aggrandizement and gain; we therefore protest to the representatives of all political parties in the Province, to keep hands off the publicly owned Hydro Electric System; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the:-

Prime Minister, Geo. S. Henry,
Hon. M.F. Hepburn,
Hon. H.C. Nixon,
Hon. J.R. Cooke,
Hon. Sen. A. Meighan,
Mr. A. Maguire.

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May 23, 1933.

Mr. G. R. Hodgson,
National Labour Day Committee,
6 Laurier Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hodgson:

I have your letter of 22nd and am pleased indeed to note the Resolution passed by your Executive Council.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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32 Balsam Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. June, 1, 1932.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan,
Senate Chambers, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighan:

In the course of an interview this afternoon with the Reverend Father McGrath, who has generously interested himself in my behalf, I mentioned to him my late experiences of the last eight and a half years with the General Motors Corp., in connection with their vast yearly accumulation of electric equipment,"both new and second hand" including all sizes of power cable, flex, etc. The classification and final disposition of which came directly under my personal supervision.

In view of this experience might I venture to hope that you would be generous enough to assist me in procuring employment along these lines with our present Hydro-Electric Commission. Making this application with all feelings of assured ability and character, and being driven as I am to make this request of you, under circumstances bordering on desperation.

With kind personal regards to yourself,
I am,

greatfully and sincerely yours,

E R Sandey

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June 12, 1933.

Mr. E. R. Sampey,
32 Balsam Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Sampey:

I have your letter of 1st June.

Appointments to the Hydro Commission are made entirely by the Executive there and not by the Commission. The head of the Executive is the Chief Engineer, Mr. F. A Gaby, and the Chief Electrical Engineer is Mr. R. T. Jeffery. They have not been taking on any for some time, but rather contracting, but, of course, may be expanding, and later on it would do no harm to have your application in with Mr. Gaby, with full statement of your experience, age., etc.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Goodyear Building
TORONTO

OFFICE OF
C. H. Carlisle

June 12th, 1933.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Many of the people living in the Village of Forest Hill feel that they are not getting as satisfactory a rate on their electric current as that being given in the City of Toronto. If this be true, would it not be possible for Forest Hill Village to establish its own Board and deal direct with the Ontario Hydro-Electric?

The Village has much better than the average type of houses and better than the average wealth. The Village is permanently established, and has consumption of power, I would suspect, sufficient to justify individual operation.

I would be pleased if you can give me some information as to the difference in rates between the Village and Toronto.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Carlisle.

Rt.-Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
President, Canadian General Securities,
National Building,
Toronto.

C.H.C.-S.

A. M. phoned Mr Carlisle's secretary.

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Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities of Ontario

June 13, 1933

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
620 University Avenue,
TORONTO

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find programme of the Convention of this Association, to be held jointly with the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association at the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor, on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 1933.

You will also find enclosed a post-card for use in making hotel reservations. There is also a ticket admitting you to the luncheons and dinner, which is tendered with the compliments of these Associations.

We hope that you may find it convenient to be with us during the three days of this Convention.

Yours truly,

S. R. A. Clement
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June 3, 1933.

The Rt.-Honourable Arthur Meighen, Commissioner,
The Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
620 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re Hydro Convention, Windsor, Ontario, June 22-23-24th.

Dear Sir:-

The Border Cities has been selected, as you know, for this Summer's Hydro Convention, which will be held at Windsor, on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and it gives us great pleasure to be able to extend a special invitation to the members of your organization to attend.

The Hydro Convention, we believe, has always been one of the most important Conventions held in Canada, dealing as it does with the many phases pertaining to the distribution of Canada's most wonderful asset, HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER - TO THE PEOPLE AT COST.

The Convention, this year will, no doubt, be the most important in the history of Hydro, and we assure you that no effort will be spared by the Border Cities in helping to make it most successful.

This is the first time that a Hydro Convention has been held in Windsor. The facilities offered are excellent in all respects including the many opportunities for sightseeing, shopping, golfing, boating, theatre parties, etc., both in the Border Cities and in the City of Detroit.

The Convention Executive have taken special pains to see that the best accommodation is offered at greatly reduced rates so as to make it possible for each local Commission or Company to be well represented.

The Prince Edward and Norton Palmer Hotels have been selected by the Convention Committee for the accommodation of the delegates. Both these hotels offer every facility for the comfort of the delegates on a flat rate basis of $2.50 per day per person - European plan, 2 persons to a room with bath.

Mr. Harry Wilson, Manager of the Canadian General Electric Company, Limited, Windsor, has been appointed by the Convention Executive, as Chairman of the Reservations Committee. You will shortly receive reservation blanks from the Secretary of the A.M.E.U. Reservations for your party may be made direct to Mr. Wilson or to either of the above Hotels.

Yours very truly,
BORDER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

C. P. McTague

C. P. McTague,
President.

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HYDRO CONVENTION - WINDSOR

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JUNE 22, 23, 24, 1933

ADVANCE PROGRAM

1. BUSINESS SESSIONS:- A.M.E.U. and O.M.E.A.

as arranged by the Convention Executive.

2. MAIN BANQUET - Thursday, June 22

Speaker, Dr. M.S. Rice, Detroit, Mich., a renowned after-dinner speaker.

Musical Program by the Border Scottish Choir (125 voices) under the direction of Mr. H. Whorlow Bull.

3. SPECIAL COMPLIMENTARY FOUR HOUR BUS TRIP

Through the Border Cities and Detroit, including a trip through the new Detroit and Windsor Tunnel around Belle Isle with its wonderful drives, wooded sections, canals, etc., across Detroit, passing some of America's finest buildings, for a specially conducted visit through the Ford Plant and Museum at Dearborn, Mich., returning to Windsor by way of the famous Ambassador Bridge finishing with a trip around the Border Cities and then back to the Hotel.

4. GOLF

At four of the leading golf clubs located in and around the Border Cities.

5. INDIVIDUAL BOATING TRIPS AND MOONLIGHTS

As desired.

6. INDIVIDUAL SHOPPING AND THEATRE TRIPS

To Windsor and Detroit's famous departmental stores and theatres as desired.

7. INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP INSPECTION TRIPS

Will be arranged as desired to any of the local manufacturing plants, including the large automobile manufacturing plants, chemical plants, drug manufacturing plants, button manufacturers, steel and bridge plants, distilleries, etc., or to either of the local Hydro Systems.

8. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

THE PRINCE EDWARD AND NORTON PALMER HOTELS have been selected by the Convention Committee for the accommodation of the delegates. Both these hotels offer every facility for the comfort of the visiting delegates on a flat rate basis of $2.50 per day per person - European Plan, 2 persons to a room with bath.

9. PARKING FACILITIES

Excellent parking facilities are provided at both Hotels at nominal rates.

10. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Can be made direct to either Hotel or through Mr. Harry Wilson, Manager of the Canadian General Electric Company, Windsor, Chairman of the Convention Reservations Committee.

A SUGGESTION

If you intend visiting the World's Fair at Chicago this year, we suggest coming to Windsor for the Hydro Convention and then going on to Chicago for the Fair.

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415 Jarvis St.,
Toronto 5. Ont.
Monday, June 12, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
National Building,
Bay Street,
Toronto.

Dear Sir,

I am a second year student in Electrical Engineering at the University of Toronto, and am at present faced by the problem of securing the practical experience required by the Faculty of Applied Science.

In the annual examinations, the results of which were recently announced, I was one of the eight out of sixty students to secure first class honours in my department. Unfortunately I do not know my ranking in that list, as the policy of grading the students has not been adopted by the faculty.

As to any experience in electrical work, I may say that, although I have never been employed as an electrician, I have for long been deeply interested in this work, and feel that I could surely make myself useful, and at the same time broaden my field of knowledge.

I would be very willing indeed, to

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do anything and go anywhere, if you should find it at all possible to place me. My health, to my knowledge, is good, and I am active, and physically fit.

I thank you sincerely, sir, for the interest you are taking in my welfare. I may be found at Old St. Andrews Memorial House; the telephone number — Wi. 3728.

Yours truly,

Walter K. Dow.

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June 13, 1933.

Hydro

Mr. Walter K. Dow,

Dear Sir:

I duly received your letter of yesterday. I will have same filed with the Hydro Electric Commission and will also speak to the Chief Engineer. Up to now I have not been successful in having any young men put on, this year or even last.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Toronto, June 24, 1933.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Prince Edward Hotel,
Windsor, Ont.

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June 30, 1933.

Dr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from E. H. Graham with copy of my reply, which I trust you can follow.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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June 30, 1933.

Mr. E. H. Graham,
R. R. #2,
Kemptville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Graham:

I have yo r letter of 23rd. Am sorry that reply has been delayed. Am taking the matter up at once with the Chief Engineer and will have the work proceeded with as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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June 30th, 1933.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

LETTER MAILED
JUL 3 - 1933
be Filed.....
O.K.....

Mr. W. E. Robertson,
Mountain, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Robertson:-

Mr. John T. Hackett's letter to The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen in reference to your employment has been forwarded to me by Mr. Meighen. I am enclosing an application form, which I would ask you to fill in and return to this office at your earliest convenience.

On account of the present economic conditions we have been compelled to make considerable reductions in our Construction staff, and these men are available for any immediate openings. We will, however, be pleased to keep your application on file for further reference.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Gaby

CHIEF ENGINEER.

This copy for: The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

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Toronto 2

July 7th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the memorandum re surplus or "at will" power for export.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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July 7, 1933.

Dr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter of Mrs. E. J. Findlay, Kinburn, Ont., and copy of my reply.

Yours very truly,

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July 7, 1933.

Mrs. E. J. Findlay,
Kinburn, Ont.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of 4th. Am looking into the matter to which you refer and will see that an appropriate reply is forwarded you from the Commission very shortly.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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507 PLACE D'ARMES

MONTREAL, June 23rd, 1933.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Mr. W. E. Robertson of Mountain, Grenville-Dundas, Ontario, is seeking a position with the Hydro-Electric Commission.

His qualifications are twenty-one years continuous service with the Bell Telephone Company; he was a construction foreman, combination man, manager, and finally, plant wire chief. He is also familiar with outside distribution teletype, instrument installation and maintenance. He has also followed a course x to teach the art of applied electricity and safety first methods. He was forced to leave the Bell Telephone Company some time ago due to the ill health of his father who required his attention. Mr. Robertson would be glad to attend at Toronto or elsewhere for the purpose of demonstrating his capacity.

x qualifying him

If there is anything you can do to assist in finding a position for Mr. Robertson, I shall appreciate it very much.

Kind regards,

John T. Hackett

The Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

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June 29, 1933.

John T. Hackett, Esq., K. C., M. P.,
Hackett, Mulvena, Foster Hackett & Hannen,
507 Place d'Armes,
Montreal, Que.

My dear John:

I have your letter of 23rd on behalf of W. E. Robertson.

Until lately at least the Hydro were, like everyone else, contracting their staff, intending when business improved to take back those let out, in the order of value. This latter process I think has started somewhat. There would not, though, be much chance for a new man being taken on.

I shall, however, communicate Mr. Robertson's qualifications to Mr. Gaby at once.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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June 29, 1933.

Dr. F. A. Gaby,
Chief Engineer,
Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Gaby:

Enclosed is copy of letter from John T. Hackett, K. C., M. P., regarding W. E. Robertson of Mountain, Ont.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
July 14, 1933.

Dear John:

Mr. F. A. Gaby of the Hydro Commission wrote to Mr. W. E. Robertson, Mountain, Ontario, regarding employment, but the letter has been returned marked "Not known here--not called for".

If you have any other address for Mr. Robertson, will you kindly let me know, in order that I may forward Mr. Gaby's letter to him.

Yours very truly,

John T. Hackett, Esq., K. C.,
507 Place d'Armes,
Montreal, Que.

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Kinburn Ontario
July 4th 1933
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To The Hydro Electric Power Commission
Toronto
Canada

Attention Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C. K.C.

Having not received or asked to accept any settlement, up to present date, for erection of tower and right-of-way on and through Lot #13 on the Eleventh Concession of Fitzroy, I would think it due time that some acknowledgment should be made for the afore going procedure.

I must say none of your agents have even approached me in any manner regarding same. I understand that this way of doing business

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is not the policy of the commission.

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This work is carried out by one or more of your representatives whom are well paid by the commission for what efforts they put forth into this position as I would term their routine of work.

Hoping that the commission will in the near future make an investigation or a check up on the past work of these agents or representatives.

I will await a reply from your personal office at your earliest condenient date giving me information as to when I am going to have an interview with your representative I am Yours truly.

Mrs. E. J. Findlay.
Kinburn Ont.

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Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Office of the Commissioner

Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
C. Alfred Maguire, COMMISSIONER
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C., COMMISSIONER
W. W. Pope, SECRETARY

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION

190 University Avenue,
Toronto

F. J. JEFFERY

July 7, 1933.

Dr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter of Mrs. E. J. Findlay, Kinburn, Ont., and copy of my reply.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. E. J. Findlay letter not enclosed. cc/mce

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July 7, 1933.

Mrs. E. J. Findley,
Kinburn, Ont.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of 4th. Am looking into the matter to which you refer and will see that an appropriate reply is forwarded you from the Commission very shortly.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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July 20, 1933

MEMORANDUM TO THE HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, P.C.K.C.,
COMMISSIONER

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

We are attaching hereto, a suggested reply to Mrs. E. J. Findlay of Kinburn, Ontario.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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July 20, 1933

Mrs. E. J. Findlay,

KINBURN, Ontario.

Dear Madam:-

Further to my letter of July 7th, I am advised that one tower was located on lot #13, eleventh concession in the Township of Fitzroy and that payment for this tower was made through J. E. Burnside, Official Arbitrator to Wm. C. Findlay, the owner of the property.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO. .....

DATE August 2nd, 1933

MEMORANDUM TO Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

SUBJECT Re: Toronto Power Company and/or Electrical Development Company, Niagara Falls, Ontario. - Murphy, Love, Hamilton & Bascom letter.

I have asked Mr. Littlejohn to ascertain the rate that the C.F.U.A. can give covering the Electrical Development power house and plant at Niagara Falls and Toronto with special electrical apparatus covering.

We will then be in a position to compare this figure with the actual cost since purchase with the New England Mutuals. I have no doubt that the C.F.U.A. rate will be substantially higher than it has cost us with the New England Mutuals.

I am also asking for rate covering on floating construction equipment. This, however, will not be important at present as by far the greater part of our equipment is now stored in Toronto on Hanna Avenue and covered by insurance.

When we have the full information either Mr. Littlejohn or myself will forward you a further memorandum. &

return Murphy Love Hes. Lt.

E.A. Peck

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GEORGES CARON, B.A., B.C.L.
AVOCAT--BARRISTER

HULL, 59 Main Street,

July 28th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
c/o Hydro Electric of Ontario,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto (2), Ont.

Sir,

RE: LOTS 236,250 to 256, 258,259 to 263,
and PARTS OF LOT 78 - Portage du Fort, Que.

Following a conversation with Mr. J.-L. Murray, of Renfrew, he suggested that I submit to you certain facts concerning this dispute about the taxes.

You might personnally have been under the impression that the matter was settled, which is not the case.

I have prepared a brief statement of certain facts I would like to lay before you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours very truly,

Georges Caron

GC/JC.

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Avid by Mr McNaughton
16 Aug. 1933

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

1- The articles of the Education Law of the Province of Quebec, as taken from Ch. 133 of the Revised Statutes of Quebec, 1925, which apply in this case;

(422)-1. Subject to section 425, the school commissioners for any school municipality shall alone have the power of levying assessments on the real estate of corporations and incorporated companies; but they shall annually pay over to the trustees, if any, a portion of all the assessments levied and collected by them from such corporations or companies, in the same proportion as the Government grant for the same year is divided between them and the said trustees, as provided by section 309.

(427)- Any ratepayer, being a property-owner, who does not reside in a municipality in which a board of trustees is established, may declare in writing to the school commissioners and trustees his intention of dividing his assessments between the school under control of the commissioners and those under control of the trustees.

In such case, the school commissioners shall collect such assessments and shall pay over to the trustees such proportion thereof as such property-owner may direct. R. S. (1909), 2900.

2- Under our law the religous denomination which is in majority in a municipality, is under the administration of the school commissioners, and the minority is under the administration of the school trustees for the said municipalities. In the present case the Protestant board is the majority and the Catholic board is in minority, which is purely accidental and varies from community to community.

3- Mr. Gilmour being the owner, according to the titles at the Registry Office, was carried on the valuation role as owner and under the denomination of Protestant. This gave a right to the school commissioners to receive the taxes paid under the above mentioned lots. If the above mentioned lots

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are owned by the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, as appears by a letter of your secretary to the Superintendent of Education of Quebec, and dated April 26th, 1933, the taxes should be distributed according to the article above sited 422, but, the majority board is charged with the collection in each community.

4- The valuation role is the basis to indicate to what board taxes shall be allowed when the property is in the name of a private party.

5- The school commissioners, in this particular case, take a logical stand in stating that if the school trustees prove to them that the lots above mentionedare owned by a corporation, without positively stating that they would be willing to remit the share of the minority board, they do not deny that the minority board would not have a legitimate and legal claim.

6- In my humble opinion nothing prevents the HydroElectric to do business in Quebec under the name of J. W. Gilmour, but, on the other hand, the mere fact of putting this property in the name of Mr. Gilmour undoubtedly defeats the intention of our law on this question of the division of taxes.

7- About six months ago I took on myself to suggest to your board that Mr. Gilmour, without having to change his name in any the official records, could order the division of his taxes according to the terms of article 427.

8- Your board has complied with this suggestion by having Mr. Gilmour to give a notice to the school commissioners that he wished to make a division of his taxes for the current year, according to the article 422.

The notice was duly received but the school commissioners took exception to the fact that it could not apply for the course of the year 1932-1933, because the notice should have been received by them in the course of June 1932, before they prepared their collection role.

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9- I would suggest again to your board to help the settlement of this case for the past years, by Mr. Gilmour addressing a notice to the school commissioners stating positively that he has been holding the above mentioned lots in trust for the Hydro Electric of Ontario since the day that the said property was purchased from O'Brien and Fowler Limited.

10- The admission of ownership by your board has already been made in a letter to the Superintendent of Education of our Province as mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present notes, but this statement is from the secretary of your board. As Mr. Gilmour's name appears on the valuation rolls I believe that a notice from him would make it all the stronger if addressed to the board by Mr. Gilmour himself, as from a strickly legal point of view, the school commissioners know Mr. Gilmour only as having some rights in the above mentioned lots.

If your board decides to take such a stand I would kindly ask you to let me have a copy of the said notice.

You will also find a correspondence in the record of your board, concerning this matter, from the Superintendent of the Education of our Province, inviting the respective parties to a settlement in this matter, if possible.

I wish to submit to your consideration those few remarks and would ask you to let me know when your board would be able to decide on the few suggestions made hereinabove.

As legal adviser to the school trustees should this last effort fail to bring the settlement I shall have to put the case before the Courts.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO. .....

DATE August 3rd, 1933

MEMORANDUM TO Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

SUBJECT Re: Lots 236, 250 to 256, 258, 259 to 263 and Parts of Lot 78 - Portage du Fort, Que.

I return herewith letter of the 28th ult. from Mr. Georges Caron to yourself.

His statement reviews the whole matter and is substantially correct. Apparently what he now desires is a letter from Mr. Gilmour to the School Commissioners acknowledging that Mr. Gilmour has held these lots in trust for the Commission from the time they were purchased from O'Brien and Fowler Limited. The Superintendent of Education for Quebec was advised by Mr. Pope on April 26th, 1933 that these lots were so held in trust by Mr. Gilmour, but it seems that an acknowledgment signed by Mr. Gilmour is desired to complete the record.

The purpose of this is apparently to give a retroactive effect to the division of taxes so that the Catholic Board may claim a share of taxes for previous years back to the time of the purchase of the properties. Whether or not this result would be obtained I am not prepared to say.

If the Commission approves of Mr. Gilmour giving the requested acknowledgment, a letter along the lines of the attached draft would be sufficient for the purpose.

S.B. Ferguson

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Hydro

August 4, 1933.

Mr. Georges Carron,
59 Main Street,
Hull, Que.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of 28th.

The Superintendent of Education for Quebec was advised by the Hydro Commission on April 26th last that these lots were held in trust by Mr. Gilmour for the Hydro Electric PowerCommission. Apparently what is now desired is a letter from Mr. Gilmour to this effect and to the effect that they have been so held since purchased from O'Brien and Fowler Limited.

I will take this matter up with the Commission at its next meeting, and you will be advised.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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August 5, 1933.

Mr. Stephen,
69 Fernham Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Am sorry to have delayed answering your note now returned. I admit that "please" is customary and courteous as part of a request. This form, however, is merely a notice, and the only request on it is in type at the bottom, which you will observe is preceded by the word "Kindly".

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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THE MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

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MEMBER CENTURY CLUB
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60 BROCK STREET,
KINGSTON, ONT.

August 3rd./33.

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir;

Yesterday afternoon I happened to be at the luncheon given at the La Salle Hotel, Kingston, for Mr.Mitchell Hepburn, and your name together with Mr.Henry's, the Prime Minister of Ontario, was brought up in his remarks. I understood Mr.Hepburn to make the charge that you held Abitibi Bonds before the purchase by the Government, when they could be bought in the neighbourhood of twenty or twenty-five, and that you still hold them, and he had reason to believe the Companies in which you are directly or indirectly interested had purchased blocks of these Bonds at these figures before the Government had consummated the purchase, practically inferring that you had used your knowledge to the advantage of the Companies you are connected with. I also understood him to say that you had never given a flat denial to these charges.

I shall be glad to have your reply as to whether there is any truth in these insinuations.

Yours respectfully,
S. Roughton

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OTTAWA, August 11, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 3rd. If Mr. Hepburn said what is attributed to him in your letter, all I can say is it was false. As regards denial, one would think the public statement I made in the Senate, and subsequently the statement I gave the press to the effect that these representations made by Slaght and repeated by Mr. Hepburn were "a cowardly way of deceiving the public", ought to be denial enough. I have learned that nothing in the way of a statement has any effect on these very irresponsible men.

A public man who has been guilty of directly charging preposterous conduct to two of the most highly respected members of the Supreme Court of Ontario and attributing to one of them the acceptance of a bribe, is I would think, hardly entitled to serious consideration at the hands of good citizens.

Yours very truly,

Mr. S. Roughton,
Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada,
Waterloo, Ontario.

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National Building,
347 Bay St., Toronto,
August 15, 1933.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

About ten days ago Mr. H. R. Jackman of this office advised me of a conversation he had with you in which you made the statement that you had seen documentary proof to the effect that I had been guilty of conduct in connection with Ontario Power Service Bonds, which, when revealed, would drive me out of public life. The natural, if not inevitable, inference from such a statement is that the conduct of which you claim to have proof was dishonourable conduct.

I was surprised beyond what I can express to you that you would even to Mr. Jackman make a statement of this kind, without having at least requested an opportunity to examine the facts fully or to receive an explanation from me of whatever documents had come to your attention. I have known you for many years and am quite certain you did not say what you did without believing it to be correct, but I think you owed it to me first to at least ask for an examination and full enquiry, before giving expression to such a very serious assertion as you made to Mr. Jackman.

Before writing you, I waited for an opportunity to see your brother, W. E., who, as you know, has been a very close friend of mine for many years. I have seen him this morning and at his suggestion am writing to invite you to come to our office and go thoroughly through all transactions that you care to go through, to have full access to everything, and to ascertain from myself or anyone connected with the organization all the relevant facts having to do therewith. Further, if thereafter you should desire to see any Minutes or other records of the Hydro organization, I will endeavour to see if same cannot be made accessible to you.

I extend this invitation to you, first, because I know that the inference from your statement referred to above is absolutely wrong, and particularly because I have confidence in you as a man of honour, and believe you will not hesitate to retract what you said when you know all the facts.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Albert Matthews, Esq.,
255 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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Personal

Wanderer 17 Aug 33

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Dear Mr Meighen

I received with surprise and regret your letter and I immediately phoned your office for an appointment but you were at a meeting and I was leaving the city at noon.

From the tone of your letter I conclude that both in letter and in spirit my remarks were not accurately or fairly transmitted to you.

You express disapproval of my speaking with Mr Jackman before taking the matter up with you but I submit that I had no alternative

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He then states that I was entirely wrong. that your interests had had no transaction during the period under review. and I accepted his statement with out reservation. In proof of this he will recall that I urged him to take measures to put your position correctly before the public

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Thanks for the invitation to look over your records. As stated already I have no interest in doing so. I have always held both yourself and Mr Henry in high esteem. and as a matter of fact declined to allow my office to chart the O.P.S. bond market for the opposition.

I would however like to repeat in your presence the conversation I had with Mr Jackman, because whether intentionally or otherwise I have been placed in an unfair and entirely false position towards yourself

Yrs faithfully
Allan Manhens

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2/ I did not open the discussion I had not interest whatever in the matter, and indeed when Mr Jackman came into my office I did not know he was in your service. When however he stated that he had reviewed the matter, and pressed me for my opinion - as a lawyer - of your relationship with the Hydro I felt - that as he knew all about it I should give him the normal opinion of those who had read the press reports and had seen the statement referred to. I did not give him the opinion as being my personal belief at all.

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Allan Macphee

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August 23, 1933.

C. Alfred Maguire, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
27 Wellington Street East,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

Any person sincerely interested in economic developments must be greatly impressed by your statement recently issued to the Press (Mail and Empire, Toronto, August 18). An even more remarkable impression of great tasks well accomplished is conveyed by your Annual Reports. The Commissioner must take pride in the accuracy and balance of these statements, contrasting so vividly with many recent irresponsible utterances which have unfortunately been seizing a good part of the public's attention.

A great deal of the interest of your statements derives from their implications. Vast significance attending the Commission's achievements in quantity of electrical energy produced and sold, and in marketing this power on a cost basis with long-term values yet carefully considered, can be read into your reports.

What the bare statistics of domestic consumption of electrical energy mean in the raising of the standards of living in this Province is a story to occupy a social novelist like John Galsworthy. What your new programme of Hydro development for the rural population has done, is to obliterate those age-old cultural and economic handicaps which once made most farmers merely peasants. Further possibilities of individual and social welfare through the domestic use of power you indicate, with a cautiously understated reference to the market for new electrical appliances. And concealed behind this bare fact of a market is a complex of industries, sources of profitable employment for men and money, engaged in supplying the market.

The immediately economic significance of Hydro in Ontario, indexed by your statistics of industrial consumption, is quite as remarkable and perhaps more easily calculated than the great social effects. Sir Oswald Mosley and M. Andre Siegfield, both penetrating analysts, have drawn startling pictures of the dethronement of coal as a source of power, in relation to Great Britain's industrial supremacy. They have declared that cheap electricity has created a new economic epoch, by enabling the industrialization of new areas.

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While these authorities may have had in mind the achievements of the Fascist regime in lifting Italy to the ranks of the great nations on a basis of electrical energy, nowhere is the economic revolution wrought by electricity more vividly illustrated than here in Ontario. It may be said that we have a balanced economy, with stable industry enrighing forest and mine and field, because of the work your Commission has done. That our people have the advantages of industrial employment at relatively high wages, and under the best urban living conditions - that they have been able to enjoy the fruits of accumulation of capital - are owing to vision allied with executive genius in the Commission. That this great development will be able to continue unimpeded by shortage of power and unwise skimping of investment in periods of temporary financial stringency, - this is the prospect we catch a glimpse of through the narrow opening of your matter-of-fact report on Chats Falls, Beauharnois and the St. Lawrence Waterway.

The future of Hydro, - and more, the very pattern of the life of Ontario's people as producers and consumers - is considered by your various agencies for study and research. On the technical side your Report is confidence-inspiring and even interesting to the lay reader, were such in any numbers to be moved first to realize the importance of the work and then to search for your story in a "Blue-book". The economic potentialities however - perhaps the most fascinating of all aspects of your enterprise - and certainly, if explored and explained for the public, a most powerful reason why there must be an independent administration - are all at present left for the individual to conjecture.

You have accepted the duty of a public service corporation to take the long view. You have been aware of Ontario's favourable position in the face of the whole world, in developing and contracting for power that is now surplus but which will all be needed when the long-term trend of our industry is resumed.

Your work, in conjunction with the new highway and motor mode of transportation, will foster a trend towards the "decentralization of industry", which has been strongly supported in the writings of Mr. Henry Ford, and which has actually materialized to form a new and powerful industrial area in the South of England under the guidance of your English counterpart, the Central Electricity Board. This trend in Ontario will reduce labour's cost of living and give it space and more outdoor life. It will quicken the small town, and maintain a balance between city and country.

Your provision of electricity for the farmer will stimulate the diversification of agriculture, which many observers regard as the solution of the problem of failing export markets for wheat and other staple farm products.

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Some of the above may seem debatable and distant factors to be used as a vindication of your policy, but there is one factor that cannot be denied - this Province's opportunity, thanks firstly to low costs of production created by cheap power, to become a leading supplier of export markets. The Commission has shown, by its activity in making power available to new but sound undertakings in Northern Ontario, an aggressiveness not historically associated with state concerns. The same capacity for planning in advance characterizes your agreements in connection with the St. Lawrence development. You offer a secure market for power, thus aiding a development which will in turn greatly improve Ontario's export position and ultimately the demand for your product. Your envisaging and forwarding of this great circle of exchange shows business initiative of a supremely valuable sort.

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Whatever else the Russian government may be, it is a master of propaganda. The greatest Communist engineering feat, the dam and hydro-electric development on the Dnieper river, has become not only a symbol to the Russians themselves of the power of their people - an object of reverence almost - but also an advertisement to the world. What is there in this that Ontario's complete system does not surpass a hundredfold? Why then are we, the people of Ontario who have built and who own our Hydro-Electric System, not more proud and enthusiastic, and eager to speed instead of wreck further achievement?

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One does not have to be an engineer or an industrialist to see the incalculable benefit from your work to every citizen of Ontario. Nevertheless at present some practice in analysing reports - and a moderately quick imagination - is required. Your annual Reports and official statements to the Press naturally cannot sacrifice generality and comprehensiveness for the sake of popular appeal. Imaginative touches, comparisons, reference to particular cases and depictions of the future have no place in such treatments of your work.

But you no doubt feel that the public's attitude is really of great moment to you. It is essentially part of the responsibility of a public service corporation to secure understanding and sympathy - and to combat tactfully present attempts to create prejudice. The citizens of Ontario are your shareholders. Unfortunately the mass of people are not experienced in this capacity, not trained to digest your Reports. They cannot protect themselves against political interpretations put upon business issues. They need official guidance. Also these citizens of Ontario are your market, and their mass opinion must finally influence your volume of business. Day by day, an

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increasing public interest in all economic matters makes it more and more necessary that the people of Ontario, in both capacities of owner and buyer, should have a sound understanding and appreciation of your enterprise.

These times of depression have aggravated the situation, raising a host of agitators with a wide variety of axes to grind, and all attempting to make economic issues serve their private purposes instead of the public interest. The outstanding position of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission as leaders of a sound, time-tested, practical public service corporation makes us look to you to vindicate wise policies and sound principles.

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A storied description and explanation of Ontario Hydro's plant, administrative structure, research programme, rural development, relation to private consumer and to industry, and an outline of the far-reaching intentions of your policies would bring valuable practical results at any time, by securing an increase of consumers' good-will and thus of your business. A report in this easily-understood and attractive form is owing to your shareholders, the whole body of Ontario's citizens, and it would create their sure support. At the present time, when certain parties have declared their intention of making your work a major political issue, a series of statements of the kind proposed - a comprehensive survey - would provide an effective basis for general understanding of the financial side of your administration.

As people come to realize the magnitude and complexity of the industry you direct, then they will gladly see adequate sums paid to reward managerial ability and initiative. As they learn how the enterprise they own compared with the world's most famous achievements, carping criticism will give way to praise. As they find that power is supplied them truly on a minimum cost basis, they will be all the more anxious to avail themselves of it. Knowledge is the only effective basis of appreciation, the only sure antidote to prejudice.

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We in this Company are as individuals numbered among your shareholders, and we are shareholders who, perhaps because of special training and experience in the economics of industry, are deeply conscious of the wide-spread benefits to this Province from your work.

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We as a Company have had considerable experience in conducting institutional advertising campaigns such as we feel to be called for in this case. We enumerate only a few;

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A. McKIM LIMITED.

HM/GC

Economic Analyst.

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CHALET COCHAND

LAURENTIAN MOUNTAINS
P. Q., CANADA
EMILE COCHAND, *Propriétaire*

ST. MARGUERITE STATION, 24 VIII 1930

Hydro

Dear Mr. Meighen

I did not have time before leaving Toronto to write & thank you for the facilities you kindly arranged for me to learn about the Hydro developement in Ontario.

I was much interested to meet Dr. Gaby & found may points of enlightenment in the rural developement.

The large towns can always look after

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themselves; but it is clear that the small towns & rural districts would never have got either the extent or standard of service they have without an organisation on the lines of the Hydro. The danger is that Public Utility Corp^ns become exploited by the public politicians as a widows cruse from which concessions can always be extracted.

With renewed thanks

Yours Sincerely

C Walker Cohen

Whaley-Cohen

I sail from Quebec on Saturday.

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August 25, 1933.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,
Chairman,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

You will be interested in the enclosed letter from the Economist, Mr. Howe Martyn. Probably Mr. Gaby would like to read it also.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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A. LAURENCE SHAVER, K.C.
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR
SOLICITOR FOR:
THE TOWN OF DUNDAS — THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
KING STREET
DUNDAS, ONT.

Hydro

August 25th, 1933.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
Hydro Electric Power Commission,
University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen: Personal

I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed to the Honourable Mr. Cooke, Chairman of the Commission.

I understand that the proposed removal is being mooted, if not already arranged, on economic grounds. I have gathered all the information I can and the facts do not appear to indicate that any economics will be effected.

The most serious feature to this locality generally is the loss of this branch of the service to Hamilton and Wentworth. It will materially militate against myself, or whoever else is the Candidate at the forthcoming election.

Can something not be done to defer any change until at least a more favourable time arrives for the people concerned to dispose of their properties?

Yours truly,

ALS/M

A. L. SHAVER, M.P.P.,
Wentworth North.

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June 19th. 1933.

Hon. J. R. Cooke,

Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cooke,-

Following up my recent conversation with you re the proposal of the Ontario Hydro Commission to remove from Hamilton their Niagara System Field Office, I am endeavouring to place before you such information as I can obtain either in justification or against this proposition. As you will understand I am vitally interested because of the adverse effect on Hamilton and this district occasioned by such removal especially now since my riding includes a greater portion of urban territory.

While naturally there is a great diffidence on the part of the Commission's employees to freely discuss this move yet I believe the information herein sets forth in proper light the salient points in connection therewith.

History

The Niagara System Field Office, a section of the Operating Department of the Commission, has been located in Hamilton since the inception of the Commission. Its function is to maintain and operate the properties of the Commission forming the Niagara System, exclusive of Niagara Falls. The employees are entirely engaged in field supervision. This location over all these years has continued to be the logical one and any suggested change now is based not on conclusive facts, as I interpret them, but on the opinion only of interested officials that a betterment may be obtained.

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Hon. J.R. Cooke June 19/33.

Local Effect

This move will transfer from Hamilton to Toronto the following staff:-

	Office	Mechanics	Total
Employees affected	29	16	45
Employees with families	16	10	26
No. in employees' families	63	25	88
Single employees	13	6	19
Total individuals affected	76	31	107
Employees owning homes	9	3	12
Employees renting homes	11	6	17
Employees boarding	9	7	16

The pay-roll of this staff is rated approximately at $100,000.00 which with office expenses and local purchases, a further $30,000.00 means to this district a loss of $130,000.00. Even in good times this could not readily be countenanced.

Basis of Move

As I understand the situation, this move was first proposed at the time the construction of the new office building appeared imminent and was motted because of a desire for re-organization and centralization in this new building. However with the construction of the new office indefinitely postponed it is being pursued, as you informed me, on an economy basis. Such details as I can gather, however, in no way indicate any economies so that it would appear that the reason for the removal is not well founded and is probably based on a desire for centralization rather than any necessity for the transfer.

Economies.

Since the entire staff is being moved and is to be continued on the same work there will result no economy in personnel. Any gain achieved must therefor be in office quarters which are now rented in Hamilton at a cost of probably $4,000.00 a year. However since the Commission now own in Hamilton the "Terminal Building" in which there is ample vacant space, and has been for some time, the use of this property could be had on terms which would be equally favourable with the use of Commission's property in Toronto. Therefor on this score any expected economy could be achieved in Hamilton. Anent this argument I have heard it stated that the protential rentals from the "Terminal Building" are greater than the present cost of the Hamilton office but the fact remains that this space is not occupied and has not been for some years and possibly

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will continue to be vacant.

It might be considered that the older part of the Niagara System, from Niagara to Toronto and Windsor, probably requiring more than 90% of the attention of the staff and certainly employing more than 90% of the field force is much more readily accessible from Hamilton than from Toronto. The Eastern lines while carrying an important block of power are modern in design and require but little attention. If I interpret the situation correctly the directing heads of the field force are being removed further from their work which will result not only in loss of efficiency but actual expenses of travelling, regardless of loss of time en route, will more than offset any economies achieved in quarters.

Organization

The field force because of lack of space in the head office building will, if removed to Toronto, be housed in quarters separate from the main building and therefore all communication will be by telephone. It should be evident that when contact must be made and maintained by telephone, and these telephone facilities are the Commission's property, that there is no more advantage in being within a mile of the head office than when located in Hamilton.

When the tendency in most large companies is to decentralize, placing the key men where they are most accessible to the work they direct, it seems to me, strange that the Commission are seriously considering centralization. While this appears faulty as a business move, politically it is a grave error, in my opinion, more especially since Toronto is being favoured.

General

This move is proposed at the worst possible time so far as the employees are concerned especially those who are home owners. The long tenancy in Hamilton gave an an of permanency to this location which the employees accepted as a fact. As a result homes were purchased or built, in many cases this being essential to obtaining proper accommodation. These men with their capital invested, if forced now to sell, must face a loss which, in some cases, is quite large.

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An important point and one apparently not given consideration, although we in this district know it to be a fact, and I believe the Commission's records will verify me, is that the territory near Hamilton suffers worse than any other in Ontario from the effects of elements, especially is this true in the matter of street storms. We feel that the loss of the field office will seriously affect the service given here and as Hamilton is primarily a manufacturing centre severe loss to labour and to production are anticipated.

Conclusion.

I have presented for your consideration such information as was available to me from various sources. It is accurate I believe since this matter has been generally discussed for some months. The conclusion I reach is:-

1. There are no economies effected

2. There is no aid to service; in fact as far as Western Ontario is concerned this change will work to our disadvantage.

3. It is a disadvantage to the employees.

Politically I cannot imagine anything more impopular than a decision now to remove from this district 45 families with a potential spending power of $130,000.00 when we are already deeply involved in problems of unemployment and loss of revenue. To justify such a step, and we as Government supporters undoubtedly will have this issue to face, since Hydro matters are now more than even involved in platform statements, will be practically impossible since I do not believe it either necessary or desirable. Embarrassed as we are now, to some extent, by Commission issues, it seems needless to give further openings.

I sincerely hope that you can influence a decision to indefinitely postpone the removal of this office.

Yours sincerely,

ALS/G.

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347 Bay St., Toronto,
August 29, 1933.

Dear Mr. Shaver: Re Hydro

I have your letter of 25th and have read same and the enclosure with care. Will take this matter up at as early a date as possible, and I can assure you it will be very carefully considered.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Shaver, Esq., K. C., M. P. P.,
King Street,
Dundas, Ont.

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August 26, 1933.

Mr. Howe Martyn,
A. McKim Limited,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Martyn:

I have received and read with very great appreciation your letter of 23rd.

It is indeed gratifying to know that at least some of those competent to understand have made a study of the Hydro results. The suggestion made in your letter will be conveyed to my fellow Commissioners at the first opportunity.

Yours very truly,

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September 16, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Our Statistician, Mr. Erle Steiss, would like to have an interview with you at your convenience, in order to get some information on the Power situation.

I told him I would write to you, and am asking him to telephone your office next week to arrange a time.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. President.

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October 7, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I am enclosing for your attention letter from E. D. Smith of Winona.

Will you kindly speak to me about this matter the first time I am up.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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September 18th, 1933

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Hydro-Electric Commissioner,
National Building,
TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

My son, Colonel Armand Smith, wrote to Mr. Cooke, Chairman of your Board, once or twice but with no answer. I then wrote, with no answer, following it up a few weeks later with a request for an answer, but no answer yet. I wonder has the Chairman forgotten how to dictate a letter or write one or what is the matter? Or is it possible that the Chairman remembers that I was largely instrumental in blocking the construction of the Hydro-Electric Radial Railway, having brought about its defeat in this Township which, being the major Township that was required to vote on the By-Law, no doubt had an appreciable effect on the final defeat of the insane measure, and he bears me a grudge for that and is going to 'get even' with me by not paying any attention to a letter which I write him? We are not asking for anything unreasonable but we are asking for an answer to a letter.

The situation is this (which has been explained to the Chairman more than once):

We have, in addition to our factory which uses Hydro-Electric current and our small cold storage plant which uses also a little for which we pay an enormous rate because the rate is fixed by the peak load which occurs only once a year, in the month of July, and is vastly higher than during the remainder of the year, and about a $500 annual bill for our general farm work and our own houses, I say in addition to these which are well paid for according, I presume, to regular rates and about which we have no complaint, we have about forty houses in which our workmen live. The distressful times we have been passing through have forced upon our attention the fact that we have too many houses. Having them occupied by working men who would not be able to find work anywhere else conveniently, we feel constrained to give them more work than is economical or justifiable. Consequently, though we have kept them all filled to date, we feel that the time may come when, due to changed methods or changed

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Recd by
Mr. Meighen
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ideas, we may not be able to find employment economically for the occupants of all these houses and we may find it more economical to close up some of the houses, possibly as many as a dozen, but if we sign up for electric current with the Hydro-Electric Commission, we must sign up for twenty years or, in other words, there is a mortgage on these houses for twenty years. We would not object to this for a limited number of ~~years~~ their, say half of them, but we do object to mortgaging for twenty years when quite possibly a number of them may be vacant long before that time and we thought that the Hydro-Electric Commission might have some suggestion to make that would alleviate this situation but so far we have been unable to get any suggestion, either for alleviation or otherwise.

If the Chairman is unable to answer, will you be good enough to do so, and oblige?

Yours truly,

E. D. SMITH & SONS, LIMITED

E. D. Smith.

President

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Stratford, Sept. 4th. 1933.

Rt. Hon. A. Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Senator Meighen:

Last Thursday afternoon I called at your office on Bay street, with a letter of recommendation from Mr. D. M. Wright, M.P., which I left with your secretary.

My object was to discuss with you the possibility of obtaining some permanent position in the service of your Commission.

About two or three weeks ago, Hon. Dr. Monteith and the Conservative Association of Stratford sent two letters to Hon. Mr. Chairman Cooke; recommending me to the favour of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for some appointment in their service.

It has been my ambition for some time to serve your Commission in some permanent capacity; and, as an old Perth boy, I appeal to you to support my application and to use your powerful influence on my behalf.

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If I should be so fortunate as to obtain an appointment; all that I have and am shall be placed without stint or reservation at the service and disposal of your Commission. More than that I cannot say. Less than that I would not dare to say.

I am writing to the Chairman and Commissioner Maguire, and asking for the benefit of their support and influence in this matter.

I sincerely trust that you may be able to give my appeal for help your favourable consideration.

Thank you

Respectfully yours,

R. R. Glenn.

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Vancouver, B. C.,
September 25, 1933.

Dear Mr. Glenn:

Your letter of 4th has reached me in Western Canada where I have been now for some time.

It will be a surprise when I say that since I have been on Hydro Commission--that is, since June 1931--there has never been a case of a new appointment come before the Commission. Necessarily that period has been one rather of contraction in the staff of the Commission. The staff is entirely under the executive officers anyway, and I know how anxious they are for the recovery of business that they may take on those whom they have been compelled to release during this period.

I have discussed your special case with the Chairman more than once and you may depend upon it we are keeping your desire to serve the Commission in mind. I will have the matter up again on my return.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Meighen.

Mr. R. R. Glenn,
Stratford, Ont.

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October 4, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Col. Clyde R. Scott with correspondence from Col. Parkinson.

If it is at all possible, I would certainly like to see a concession made, as requested by Col. Scott. I know him very intimately indeed and have the greatest confidence in his dependability and fairness.

Please do not give an adverse decision without at least seeing me.

Yours very truly,

AM"E.

Arthur Meighen.

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September 23, 1933.

Lt. Col. C. R. Scott, M.C.,
Military Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir :

Your letter of the 21st instant addressed to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C. and enclosing correspondence from Col. Parkinson, has been received and forwarded to Mr. Meighen who is now in Western Canada.

Yours very truly,

CANADIAN GENERAL SECURITIES LIMITED,

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October 10, 1933

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K. C., C.M.G.,
Hydro Electric Commission,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Some months ago the writer wrote you with reference to the handling of Insurance for the Commission, the results of said correspondence from the writer's point of view have been nil. As you know, Sir, this insurance is controlled by the son of the Honourable I. B. Lucas, Solicitor for the Commission, and his associates.

During the war the writer served in His Majesty's forces and can easily remember all of the promises made about what would be done for the man who served. I have never claimed, nor do I intend to, a pension from the Government such as is being paid to hundreds of men who never went overseas or if they did were having a good time. This particularly applies to medical men, I believe.

Coming back to the point of Insurance I am writing this letter to you because I have always respected your strength and integrity and I feel that you are big enough in Public life to squash the selfish and unfair dealing of Hydro Insurance of all kinds.

This letter is written not as a criticism but simply a request for a fair distribution of this business.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. R. Gardner

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October 12, 1933.

Mr. George R. Gardner,
62 Dundas St.,
London, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 10th.

I do not know where you got the information that Mr. Lucas' son controls the insurance of the Hydro Electric Power Commission. No such thing is the fact.

Mr. Lucas' son is an employee on a very small salary and has nothing to do at all with disposition of the insurance. The official directly responsible in this regards is Mr. Littlejohn.

I can further assure you that there is no selfish and unfair dealing in connection with Hydro insurance. It is handled with a single view to the good of the Commission and its services. If there is certain insurance in which you desire to be considered, you should write Mr. Littlejohn, c/o Hydro-Electric Power Commission, 190 University Ave., Toronto.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. COMMISSIONER.

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House of Commons
Canada

56 St. Peter St.,
Quebec October 12th, 1933.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

You remember I had an interview with you last winter about the question of electric rates in the City of Quebec, and you kindly sent me some of the officers of the Ottawa Commission to give me most valuable information.

The City has appointed a Board of engineers to make a survey and a study of the whole matter, and that Board has recently presented their report. I take the liberty of sending you a copy of that report. If you care to submit it to one of your engineers, I would be pleased to receive his comments on it. The Board reports that the rates are much too high, but they also find that municipalization would not be advisable.

With anticipated thanks for any trouble this might give you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Lapointe

EL/CF

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October 14, 1933.

Mr. F.A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr Gaby:

I have to-day received from the Hon. Ernest Lapointe a copy of the Report of the Board of Engineers of Quebec City regarding Electric Rates, I am forwarding this to you under separate cover, and will be glad to have your comments on it.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Commissioner.

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October 14th, 1933

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Hydro-Electric Commissioner,
National Building,
TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have yours of October 11th explaining how it was that we got no answers to our letters.

With regards the matter at issue, it has been finally settled. Mr. Drewry, the Hydro representative at Stoney Creek, was in here a few days ago and agreed that if I and my son, Armand, who lives across the street, signed up for twenty years, it would not be asked that our tenants should do so or that we should do so for our tenement houses but that the contracts would be annual so far as those houses were concerned - which is exactly what we requested.

Thanks for your intervention for I am sure it must have been that that caused Mr. Drewry and his assistant to come down and straighten the matter out.

Yours truly,

E. D. Smith

President

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October 14, 1933.

Mr. Georges Caron, B. A.,
Hull, Que.

Dear Mr. Caron:

I duly received your letter of 7th, and would advise that instructions have been given that your suggestion be carried out.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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Hon. J.R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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Frederick A. Gaby, D.Sc., CHIEF ENGINEER

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario
Engineering Department

Cable Address "Hydro" Toronto
CODE:- A.B.C. 6TH EDITION
190 University Avenue
Toronto 2

October 12th, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Referring to the letter addressed to yourself by Georges Caron, B.A., B.C.L., Hull, Quebec, in reference to Lots 236, 250 to 256, 258, 259 to 263 and parts of Lot 78, Portage du Fort, P.Q.; this has been turned over to Mr. Gilmour with instructions to carry out the suggestion therein contained.

The other letter from Murphy, Love, Hamilton & Bascom re "Hydro-Electric Power Commission and/or Toronto Power Company, Limited and/or Electrical Development Company, Niagara Falls, Ontario", is being referred to our Insurance Department for report, and as soon as this is received I shall be glad to advise you further in reference to the matter therein referred to.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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October 12th, 1933.

MR. GILMOUR

Re: Lots 236, 250 to 256, 258
259 to 263 and parts of
Lot 78, Portage du Fort, P.Q.

I am handing you herewith original communication addressed to Mr. Meighen under date of October 7th, 1933, by Georges Caron, B.A., B.C.L., Hull, Quebec. This is self-explanatory and you will please arrange for the carrying out of the suggestion as submitted by Mr. Caron.

Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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October 14, 1933.

Messrs. Murphy, Love, Hamilton & Bascom,
Dominion Bank Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

I duly received your letter and yesterday had a discussion on the subject with Mr. Gaby. The matter is now before our Insurance officers for very careful consideration.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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October 16, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Geo. T. Foster of Paris, Ont. Would be glad to have you keep this man's name in mind, should a vacancy occur.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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October 18, 1933.

Mr. Geo. T. Foster,
Paris, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Foster:

I have your letter of 16th. Will see what can be done, but as explained when I saw you, am not very hopeful of being able to do anything for the present at least.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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Oct. 18, 1933.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Mr. George T. Foster,
Paris, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Foster:-

Your letter of October 16th addressed to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen in connection with employment, has been referred to this Commission.

We regret that at the present time, due to economic conditions, we are not in a position to offer you a position, but will be pleased to keep you in mind for a possible future vacancy. Kindly fill out the attached application form, and return to us. This information will be placed on file for reference should a suitable opening occur at a later date.

Yours truly,

F. A. Gaby

CHIEF ENGINEER

This Copy to: Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

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October 19, 1933.

Mr F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

I have just received a letter from R. H. McGregor, M. P., who writes on behalf of Mr. J. J. Hunt, 179 Mortimer Ave., Toronto, formerly employed by the Hydro Electric Commission.

I understand Mr. Hunt was discharged due to the fact that he was a heavy drinker, but am now informed that for the past five years he has been a total abstainer. In view of this man's fine effort to redeem himself, Mr. McGregor requests that we give consideration to the matter of his re-appointment to his former position. I have, of course, advised him that at present we are not adding to our staff at all, but assured him that when we do Mr. Hunt's experience and qualifications will be very carefully kept in mind.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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House of Commons
Canada

280 Sammon Ave.,
Toronto 6, Ont.

October 16th. 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
National Building,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I have just been approached by a resident of my constituency, Mr. J.J.Hunt, 179 Mortimer Ave., Toronto, who was formerly an employee of the Hydro Electric Commission.

Apparently some years ago Mr. Hunt was a heavy drinker, and was discharged from his position for that reason. The lesson was salutary and effective and for the past five years Hunt has been a total abstainer.

In view of this man's fine effort to redeem himself, I would appreciate anything you could do towards having him reappointed to his former position with the Hydro.

yours very truly,

R H McGregor

R. H. McGregor, M.P.

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October 19, 1933.

R. H. McGregor, Esq., M. P.,
280 Sammon Ave.
Toronto 6, Ont.

Dear Mr. McGregor:

I have your letter of 16th and will being the subject matter at once to the attention of the Chief Engineer.

I know, of course, that at present we are not adding to our staff at all, but can assure you that when we do Mr. Hunt's experience and qualifications will be very carefully kept in mind.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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G. HERBERT CARTER

"CARTERSCROFT"

FREEMAN, ONTARIO
R. R. No. 2

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Rt Hon Arthur Meighen.

Toronto.

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly read this letter through, and place it where action will be taken atonce.

I am still a farmer and very interested in the life, have since leaving Montreal in 1926, done more work than all the previous years put together.

My son Kenneth in Quebec City has mentioned your son in some of his letters.

I certainly will appreciate your assistance.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely.

G. Herbert Carter

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Referred to
Mr. ~~H. D. ROTHWELL~~
Mr.
Mr. MEIGHEN.
Mr.

Required by
Mr.
In days
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to

October 2, 1933

THIS LETTER PROPERLY INITIALED AND O.K. TO FILE No. PASSED BY

MR. R.T.JEFFERY, Chief Municipal Engineer

WATERDOWN R.P.D. - Complaint of J.H. Carter re Water Heater

Mr. Carter was canvassed by an electrician from Burlington and agreed to take a 600-watt heater at his farm in the Waterdown R.P.D. The contract was brought to the Burlington office by the electrician and the 600-watt heater, together with equipment for a 30-gallon tank, was given to the man for installation. Some time later Mr. Carter complained that he was not getting sufficient water and the heater was inspected, some changes being made in the packing, but in general the equipment appeared to be operating satisfactorily. Mr. Carter still insisted that he could not get sufficient water but our Burlington staff would not recommend the installation of a larger heater than 600 watts on his 30-gallon tank and Mr. Carter refused to install a booster.

On September 14th the writer, in company with Mr. Gibbon, visited Mr. Carter's home and inspected the equipment. Mr. Carter explained that it was customary to use quite large quantities of hot water each day, sometimes as many as three or four baths being drawn off in addition to the water for domestic purposes. He stated that after taking water for morning baths there was not sufficient left for household use during the day. The writer pointed out that this was only to be expected as the small tank capacity did not supply enough storage for more than two baths. It was pointed out also that the 600-watt heater was about the limit that could be installed

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MEMO TO MR. R.T.JEFFERY, Chief Municipal Engineer

on a 30-gallon tank but we agreed to supply a 750-watt heater, explaining to Mr. Carter that while this would not increase his storage it would permit of more rapid recovery in water temperature after the tank was emptied. We did not recommend it but suggested that Mr. Carter purchase a 40-gallon or larger tank and install a 750-watt heater because it was apparent that a 600-watt would not supply his requirements. Mr. Carter was apparently well satisfied with our explanation but insisted that we try a 750-watt heater on his present tank and agreed that if this did not prove satisfactory he would install a larger tank.

When the contract for the 750-watt heater was presented to Mr. Carter he refused to sign it because he insisted that it be put in on approval and if not satisfactory, changed. The installation was accordingly delayed.

In the meantime the electrician who canvassed Mr. Carter was notified and he assumed full responsibility for the recommendation of the 600-watt heater, and stated that if Mr. Carter could not be satisfied he was willing to remove all equipment and re-install the coal-jacket heater that was in use before the installation of the electric heater. He also agreed to return to this Commission the $6.50 paid for his work.

Mr. Carter visited this office on Friday, September 29th, and was interviewed by the writer. He explained that he had written a letter to Mr. Meighen and said that as he was in Toronto he had decided to come into the office to find out what could be done about his installation. It was again recommended to Mr. Carter that he install a larger tank as we felt quite certain he would not secure satisfaction from his present equipment. During the conversation it was pointed out to Mr. Carter that if he cared to take a

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standard rural contract it would be possible to save approximately $1.40 per month on his Hydro bills as he has a large consumption and is at present billed on the D.P. & T. rate of 2¢ per kilowatt-hour less 20%. Mr. Carter left the office apparently well satisfied and returned to Burlington where he immediately asked our Mr. Gibbon to visit him at his home as soon as possible and discuss the proposed change to a standard contract and the installation of a 750-watt heater.

Mr. Carter was apparently willing to sign the contract for the 750-watt heater and try it on the present 30-gallon tank. If this did not prove satisfactory he agreed to make the change to a tank of larger capacity.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Gibbon from the Burlington office have an appointment with Mr. Carter for Monday, October 2nd, and it is expected that all differences will be satisfactorily cleared up.

The writer promised to call on Mr. Carter some time during this present week to see if he was perfectly satisfied with the new arrangements.

Yours truly,

H J Edwards

HJE/M

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

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October 17th, 1933.

Mr. G. Herbert Carter,
"Carterscroft",
R.R. No. 2, Freeman,
Ontario.

Dear Sir:- Re: Heater

The Hon. Mr. Meighen has forwarded to this department your communication addressed to him under date of September 16th, 1933, with the accompanying letter to the Commission with respect to unsatisfactory service in connection with the installation of a hot water heater in your home. I regret that there has been any cause for dissatisfaction in regard to this matter, and will at once have the same investigated.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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October 19, 1933.

Mr. G. Herbert Carter,
R. R. No. 2,
Freeman, Ont.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Your letter of September 16th arrived during my absence in the West. I have just recently been able to take the matter up with the Commission, and have now had a full account of the interview you had at the office here and of the understandings arrived at, and sincerely trust same will work out satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Oct. 19, 1933

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., C.M.G.,
Hydro Electric Commission,
190 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Honourable Sir:

Re--Hydro Electric Commission.

While in Toronto this week I made inquiries as to the firm known as the Municipal Underwriters' Limited. I found the Honourable Mr. Lucas listed as Secretary-Treasurer and further advised that they handle most of the Insurance for the Commission. Should this not be true I would be pleased to be correctly informed on same.

You state in your letter of the 12th instant that if I am interested in any "certain Insurance which you desire to be considered you should write to Mr. Littlejohn." I have no axe to grind whatever and this is something that cannot be said from many persons receiving pensions or Government positions from the powers that be.

All that I ask is should any of this business be placed through Agents worthy of consideration, and should I be considered one of the same, any business received will be appreciated, but as far as going begging to any of your Officials I have no such intentions.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. R. GARDNER.

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Hydro

October 21, 1933.

Mr. Geo. R. Gardner,
62 Dundas St.,
London, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I have your letter of 19th.

The statement I made in my previous letter as to how the insurance is disposed of is entirely correct. It is not directed by Hon. Mr. Lucas or his son in any way whatever. There is no reason why you should not make a direct effort to get this business the same as any other. The business is distributed on merits, and solely from the point of view of the interests of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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October 27, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from Mr. C. A. Fleming of Owen Sound. I hope you can meet his request as I think it will be worth while. I am not acknowledging, so please refer to his letter to me in your reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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ONTARIO HYDRO-ELECTRIC CLUB

190 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
TORONTO

October 30th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the general committee of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Club on October 27th, you were again duly elected Honorary Vice-President for the ensuing year.

The complete list of new executive officers are as follows, -

Honorary President	- Hon. J.R.Cooke
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Yours truly,

D. B. Fleming
General Secretary

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Mr.Meighen.

October 30th, 1933.

Mr. C.A. Fleming,
Northern Business College,
Owen Sound, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Mr.Meighen has forwarded your letter of October 25th, in reference to the securing of certain photographs of our Niagara power developments from which lantern slides could be made, and we would be very pleased to arrange for these photographs to be sent on, but before doing so would advise as follows.

At the present time we have in our collection of slides practically hundreds from which we could choose and would meet your requirements. These could be loaned to you from time to time and save the expense of having duplicate slides made, or, if this does not meet your approval, we could forward a set of slides for your first lecture from which you could select suitable ones and a duplicate set could be made in our own photographic laboratory at a much lesser cost than if

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October 30th, 1933.

photographs were made first and then you had your own slides made.

Awaiting your decision in reference to the above suggestion, I am,

Yours truly,

J. H. Baker

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Toronto, October 30, 1933.

COPY

Hon. Geo. S. Henry,
Prime Minister of Ontario,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Henry:

I beg to refer you again to my letters of March 6, 1933, and March 27, 1933, relative to certain allegations made with respect to my conduct as Hydro Power Commissioner for Ontario, in the matter of Ontario Power Service Bonds.

In the first of these letters I made request that should any Member of the Legislature make allegations or charges of misconduct on my part during my term of office as Hydro Commissioner, a Superior Court Judge should immediately be appointed by your Government to make investigation of such allegations and report thereon. In the second letter mentioned above, I referred to certain statements of a reckless character made public in the intervening time, and asked that even without the universally accepted prerequisite of the making of charges these statements be made the basis for a public investigation of the reflections upon myself. In this letter I urged that the matter be dealt with without delay.

Since March last there have been several references to the subject, on the public platform, of a more or less evasive character. I understand also that you have in the meantime publicly offered to appoint a Commission of investigation if the principal complainant against me would so much as ask that this be done. He has taken care to make no such request.

In both this morning's Toronto papers--The Mail and Empire and The Globe--I find in a dispatch from Chatham by the Canadian Press that Mr. Mitchell Hepburn has been more specific than hitherto has been his custom. He has made a definite allegation against me in the following language quoted from such dispatch:

> "Mr. Meighen, charged Mr. Hepburn, used inside information which he had gained as a member of the Hydro Commission to buy Ontario Power Service Corporation bonds, knowing that Hydro was going to take over the Abitibi project. He bought these bonds at a low price, the speaker claimed, and sold them at the peak of the market, a price to which they had been boosted because worthless bonds had been exchanged for good Hydro securities. Premier Henry did not do this, he said, and therefore was not as guilty as Mr. Meighen, whose resignation he should immediately ask. He defied Mr. Meighen to deny the charge."

It is true this charge is not made on Mr. Hepburn's responsibility as a Member of the Dominion House, nor has he had it made by any Member of the Legislature on that Member's responsibility as such. It apparently is Mr. Hepburn's desire that so far as possible no risks be run.

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I deny emphatically the allegation made by this gentleman and with all the earnestness at my command I urge you to forthwith appoint a Commissioner to make investigation, so that Mr. Hepburn will have opportunity, with the least possible delay, of establishing what he has said. I would request also that the investigation be wide enough to enable the Commissioner to enquire as to whether in this whole connection there has been any conduct dishonourable or discreditable in any degree on my part.

It has many times been urged upon me that the men behind this attack, and in general behind the present anti-Hydro agitation, have in the past paid no respect whatever to judicial decisions, no matter how eminent or highly regarded the members of the enquiring tribunal have been; and that on a most recent occasion when they have been called upon to make good their assertions before such a tribunal, they have made little or no attempt to do so and have in fact run away from the scene of enquiry, and, on the complete vindication resulting, reviled and abused the Judges who delivered the verdict. Nevertheless, I feel strongly that in the present case I am entitled to an authoritative judgment.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. (Signed) Arthur Meighen.

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I deny emphatically the allegation made by this gentleman, and with all the earnestness at my command, I urge you to forthwith appoint a Commissioner to make investigation, so that Mr. Hepburn will have opportunity, with the least possible delay, of establishing what he has said. I would request also that the investigation be wide enough to enable the Commissioner to enquire as to whether in this whole connection there has been any conduct dishonourable or discreditable in any degree on my part.

It has many times been urged upon me that the men behind this attack, and in general behind the present anti-Hydro agitation, have in the past paid no respect whatever to judicial decisions, no matter how eminent or highly regarded the members of the enquiring tribunal have been; and that on a most recent occasion when they have been called upon to make good their assertions before such a tribunal, they have made little or no attempt to do so and have in fact run away from the scene of enquiry, and, on the complete vindication resulting, reviled and abused the Judges who delivered the verdict. Nevertheless, I feel strongly that in the present case I am entitled to an authoritative judgment.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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Toronto, November 4, 1933.

Dr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from H. F. Gadsby whom you doubtless know. Mr. Gadsby spoke to me about this matter a week or two ago. What he is anxious for is that the Hydro make some effort itself to get the required number on this line, rather than leave it to individual initiative, which he thinks will not be forthcoming.

If you can see your way to meet his request in this matter, it might be of some value. I will be glad anyway to get a memorandum from you so that I can make reply to Mr. Gadsby.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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November 3, 1933.

Mr. D. B. McCall,
Secretary,
Walkerville Hydro-Electric System,
Walkerville, Ont.

Dear Mr. McCall:

I have your letter of 27th. The 16th of November will be satisfactory to me, and I understand is also satisfactory to the Chairman of the Commission.

Am glad to see that Mr. Woollatt's long service is being recognized.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Walkerville Hydro-Electric System

W. R. Woollatt, CHAIRMAN
R. A. Farrow, MAYOR
A. D. Green, COMMISSIONER
D. B. McColl, MANAGER

102 WYANDOTTE ST.
Walkerville, Ontario

OPERATING SYSTEMS FOR
East Windsor Hydro-Electric Commission
Riverside Hydro-Electric Commission
Tecumseh Hydro-Electric Commission
St. Clair Beach Hydro-Electric Commission

Hydro
no 6

October 27th 1933

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
620 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.,

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching hereto copy of our letter of even date to the Honourable J.R. Cooke in connection with proposed dinner for our Chairman, Mr. W.R. Woollatt to commemorate his completion of 20 years continuous service as a member of our Commission, the date for which has been tentatively set for November 16th, subject to the same being agreeable to yourself and the other members of your Commission,

I am given to understand that when you were in Windsor during the Summer Convention you promised Mr. Woollatt that you would be present and we sincerely trust that you will be able to honour us with your presence as we are particularly anxious, in addition to honouring Mr. Woollatt, to make the occasion one that will serve the purpose of conveying to the citizens in this district a true picture of the merits of the Hydro development throughout the Province.

Should the date selected not be satisfactory to you, please advise us as early as possible and we will arrange to change it for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

DBM/C

SECRETARY

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October 27th 1933

Honourable J.R. Cooke, Chairman,
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
620 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.,

Dear Mr. Cooke:-

Referring to the writer's conversation with you when in Toronto a few weeks ago in reference to the proposed dinner for our Chairman, Mr. W.R. Woollatt, to commemorate his completion of 20 years' continuous service as a member of this Commission, I wish to advise that it has been decided to hold the dinner on the evening of Thursday, November 16th, providing this is satisfactory to yourself and the other members of your Commission.

In case this date is not agreeable, we would ask you to select any date within the same week, except the 15th, or if this is not satisfactory either the 20th or 21st, and we will make our arrangements accordingly.

The dinner will be given by the employees of this System and Mr. Woollatt's fellow Commissioners at the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor. We will have as our invited guests the Mayors, Councillors, Hydro Commissioners and employees of the Municipalities in this district, together with many of our prominent citizens and would very much like to have a full representation from your Commission, present, if possible, together with any of the older members of your Staff who would care to attend, particularly, Dr. F.A. Gaby.

We are very anxious, in addition to paying this deserved honour to Mr. Woollatt, to make this meeting an outstanding one in the interests of Hydro in this district and for this reason we would greatly appreciate your co-operation and suggestions.

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Hydro

LINCOLN COUNTY,
LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
48 ST. PAUL STREET
ST. CATHARINES
ONTARIO

W. B. ROLLASON
PRESIDENT

November
sixth
1933

Senator the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
National Building
Toronto, Ontario

My dear Senator:

Mr. M.H. McClure who is the son of the late President of the Conservative Association for Peel County, as doubtless you know held that office for many years, is living in Toronto, is a married man and at present working in a Brokerage Office where there is no chance of much advancement, and I was wondering if it would be possible for you to get him into the Hydro Commission office. This chap is really a very high type of fellow, was born in 1901 in Brampton, is well known to Colonel Kennedy, has very high references and his father-in-law, Mr. Yielding has been with the Honourable J.D.Chaplin for many years, and I know that J.D. would appreciate anything you can do on behalf of Mr. McClure.

I know that you have many requests along these lines, but in this particular case it is really worthy of a little effort on our part, as Conservatives, to take care of a boy whose Father did such active work in the interest of the Conservative Party.

If there is nothing in connection with the Hydro, possibly you might be able to put him in one of your Company offices that you are interested in, as he is a very, very high type of accountant.

With my very kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Rollason.

WBR.J.

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Hydro 130386

November 8, 1933.

Mr. W. B. Rollason,
48 St. Paul Street,
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Mr. Rollason:

I have your letter of 6th on behalf of young Mr. McClure.

You may be surprised to know that the question of the appointment of anyone to Hydro has never come before the Commission since I have been on the Board. The heads of the different branches take on men themselves, and on account of the depression they have been taking on only those let off earlier, as occasion happens to give opportunity. Am glad to say business is improving so that it may be later on there will be an opportunity for expansion.

I would think a young man in a Brokerage business now had not a bad outlook. It is the same in that business as in anything else; themost useful man is sure to get an opportunity. I have many appealing to me for help to get in Brokerage offices, and know some who would make very satisfactory progress.

Am sorry I cannot write you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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LONDON, CANADA

November 7th,1933

Personal

Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighan, K.C.
Canadian General Securities
National Bldg.
Toronto - Ontario

My dear Senator;-

My Mr. Price of the firm of Messrs. Murphy, Love,Hamilton & Bascom, Dominion Bank Bldg. Toronto, who has been assiduously delving into the rates on one of the Niagara Power Plants, advised me that Mr. Littlejohn has told him they have renewed the $2,300,000.00 insurance with the New England Mutuals, notwithstanding the fact that the Hydro would save considerable money by insuring with our own Canadian Stock Companies.

Mr. Price advised that Mr. Littlejohn reported to Mr. Lucas, who told him to leave the insurance with the New England Mutuals and the same, I understand, were supposed to have been renewed on the 31st of October.

I do not think you have been advised of this and if you considered it proper for us to have the business, the New England policies could be returned, as they have only been in force a week.

I expect to be in Toronto for a few days with my wife early next week and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you for a few minutes.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours faithfully

George C. Gunn

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November 10, 1933.

Mr. George C. Gunn,
432 Richmond St.,
London, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gunn:

I duly received your letter of 7th and have since taken the matter up with the Hydro executive. My information is not at all in line with that you have received. I am absolutely assured that the New England quotations ranged around twenty-five per cent lower than the prices submitted elsewhere. It was purely a matter of getting the very lowest quotations, because in the judgment of the officials the actual risk is nil or close to nil.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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House of Commons
Canada
84 Wellington St. West,
TORONTO

November 8th, 1933

The Right Honorable Arthur Meighen,
C/O The Ontario Hydro Bldg.,
University Avenue,
Toronto

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

You have an application in from Mr. John T. Swinton of 554 Merton Street, who is seeking the position as Clerk of Works and Inspector, on the addition to your new University Avenue building, which I understand is about to be erected.

I would like very much to support Mr. Swinton's application, and ask if you would be so kind as to give the same every consideration.

I know Mr. Swinton and he is a very reliable man, experienced, and can furnish a great many letters of recommendation, also a list of the important buildings he has superintended in the erection of.

He is a staunch Conservative and a Member of our Ward 9 Conservative Association.

Trusting you will be so kind as to give his application your very best consideration, ~~I am~~,

Yours faithfully,

Richard H. Baker

MEMBER FOR TORONTO NORTHEAST.

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November 10, 1933.

Mr. Richard L. Baker, M. P.,
84 Wellington St. West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Baker:

I have your letter of 8th and will keep in mind Mr. Swinton's name.

We do a great deal of construction work, as you know, and I fancy our staff has its own clerk of works and inspector. In fact it is not impossible we may be doing this piece of work ourselves, that is when it is decided to build.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO

TORONTO,
NOV. 10,
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Dear Mr. Meighen:

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I have given considerable thought to this whole matter with my colleagues and it seemed to me and to them that in the public mind your character, high standing and integrity are effectively beyond the barbs which have been hurled at you. We felt that when the fair-minded public knew the facts it would pronounce judgment overwhelmingly in your favour. I believe that time will prove this viewpoint correct and that to direct the appointment of a Commission of investigation would be to flatter those who have been making such reckless assertions. I did say, however, in a speech in the House that if any Member would take the responsibility of making a charge there I would promptly direct such a Commission. No person has come forward to take such responsibility. While the charges of Mr. Hepburn, Leader-at-Large of the Liberal Party in

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As I have stated publicly, the acquisition of the Ontario Power Service Corporation was carried through by the Government only after the most careful investigation and study, and I firmly believe that time will abundantly prove the wisdom of the step we took. Further, the Government is fully aware that at no time did you have any prior information as to the conclusions we eventually reached except the general public knowledge that negotiations were in progress.

In conclusion, let me say the Government holds in high regard your services to the Hydro Commission, as does also, I feel, the general public. If we do not see eye to eye with you in your request for a Commission of Investigation, it is merely because in our opinion there is no real need for it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Geo Henry

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner, Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Sincerely yours,

Geo. S. Henry (sgd.)

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner, Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

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The undersigned has the honour to report that by reason of representations made to him by The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, a Member of His Majesty's Privy Council, he has had under consideration the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into certain allegations made by two persons of prominence in the public life of the Province of Ontario, which allegations affect the personal honour as well as the integrity and the propriety of the public conduct of the said The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen in the performance of a public trust.

The undersigned observes that although such allegations have not been made in that formal manner which, in accor ance with the practice universally recognized in the public life of Great Britain and of Canada, involves personal responsibility in those who make them, and that although such allegations do not affect the public conduct of the said The Right Hon urable Arthur Meighen in his capacity as a Member of His Majesty's Prify Council or as a Member of the Government of Canada, or in any Dominion, as distinguished from Provincial, capacity (in that they relate exclusively to the manner in which the said The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen is said to have discharged his duties as Commissioner of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of the Province of Ontario, a posi ion which until recently he occupied) those allegations, because they relate to one who has been for many years prominent in the public life of Canada and whos is now a Member of the Government of Canada, ought to be of concern to all other Members of such Government and to the public of Canada, for, in effect, they charge that a Member of that Government, acting in a public capacity, although not acting for that Government, subordinated the interest of the public to his personal interest and profited, with intent, by the exercise of his discretion or judgment as such Commissioner and by the use of information obtained as such to the detriment of members of the public. In this connection the undersigned refers to two letters addressed to him by the said The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, dated, respectively, May 1, 193 , and June 26, 1934, copies whereof and of their enclosures are hereto appended.

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The undersigned considers that having regard to the position long occupied by the said The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen in the public life of this Country, to the nature of the allegations affecting his honour and integrity as a public man, as set out in the various documents hereto, and to his urgent appeals to the undersigned on repeated occasions, it is fit and proper to grant, and would be unfair and unjust to refuse, the enquiry by him requested.

The unders igned, therefore, recommends that a Commission do issue, under Part I of the Inquiries Act, directed to..... as a Royal Commissioner, authorizing and requiring him with all reasonable diligence to make full and complete enquiry into the allegations above referred to and as set out in the letters above referred to and the enclosures thereto and all matters in any way relating thereto insofar as they affect in any way, directly or indirectly, the honour and integrity of the conduct of the said The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, and also to enquire into such other matters relating to the conduct of the said the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen as Commissioner of the Hydro Electric Commission of the Province of Ontario as may be referred to the said Royal Commissioner by Order-in-Council from time to time, and to report the result of such enquiry with the evidence taken therein.

The undersigned further recommends that the said Royal Commissioner for the purposes of the proposed enquiry shall have all the powers and authorities which could be conferred upon him by the Inquiries Act Part I, including the powers and authorities mentioned as described in the eleventh section.

Prime Minister.

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Nov. 10th, 1933.

Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen,
C/o Ontario Hydro Commission,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I, to-day, have a letter from Mr. Malcolm McNeill (son of the Late Alexander McNeill) of The Corran, Wiarton, saying that he has a stone quarry in Wiarton and that he "understands that this stone was specified at one time for the Hydro building in Toronto", and that he would like to have a chance to negotiate sale of the stone from his quarry "now that the Government is going to spend thirty-eight million dollars".

I will be glad to do anything for Mr. McNeill I can.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very truly,

WM/GH.

W. Mitchell

THE WRITER OF THIS LETTER WILL APPRECIATE YOU WEARING CIRCLE-BAR HOSIERY. THEY WILL GIVE YOU MILES OF SATISFACTORY WEAR.

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Hydro

November 13, 1933.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell,
President,
Circle-Bar Knitting Co. Ltd.,
Kincardine, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of 10th November.

I am not on the buying committee to spend the Government's $38,000,000 and cannot be of any avail there.

I am, of course, on the Hydro Commission still--how long no one knows--and will be glad, if an opportunity occurs while there, to have Mr. McNeill's stone given consideration. I know nothing about its having ever been specified as yet.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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Telephone
Midway 5808

435 Walmer Road.
Toronto, Ontario.
November 16, 1933.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen K. C.,
c/o Canadian General Securities Ltd.,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Having recently observed press notices to the effect that both Federal and Provincial Governments are planning more or less extensive public works projects and also that the Head Office building for the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission may be proceeded with in the near future, I am again taking the liberty of appealing to you in the hope of obtaining employment on the contemplated developments.

Enclosed herewith are copies of correspondence with yourself and Mr. F. A. Gaby which may serve to bring to mind my previous application.

Thanking you for your consideration and trusting that I am not over presumptuous in thus addressing you again, I am

Yours very truly,

A. Ward Spence

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION
OF ONTARIO

Engineering Department.

Toronto, March 8th. 1932.

Mr. Howard S. Price,
42 Strathearn Blvd.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Price:-

Your Communication addressed to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen under date of February 25th, 1932, has been referred to me for consideration. I should be very pleased if you would fill in the enclosed application form, giving full particulars as to your past experience, so that I may make a survey of the various departments of the Commission in order to ascertain if it is possible to locate a suitable opening for you.

You will appreciate that the Commission's construction work has been materially reduced during the last few months, and a number of men have had to be laid off on account of lack of work. We shall,however, be very glad, as above mentioned, to have the enclosed application returned at your early convenience, so that we may give the matter our attention.

Yours truly,

(signed) F. A. Gaby

Chief Engineer

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CANADIAN GENERAL SECURITIES LIMITED

NATIONAL BUILDING.

Toronto, Feb. 26, 1932.

Mr. Howard Price,
42 Strathearn Blvd.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Price:-

I have your letter of 25th. February. Mr. Ralph Henderson urged very strongly upon me the desirability of assisting in securing suitable employment for you. It would seem too bad indeed, with the experience you have had, that this should not be available. I shall take the matter up with the Chief Engineer of the Hydro Commission, so that he will have your case before him constantly.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. (signed) Arthur Meighen

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FYLE: AJN:B

MONTREAL

November 15th 1933

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Investments Limited,
National Building,
Toronto,Ont.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

Mr.W.E.Phin, President of Dominion Power & Transmission Company (in liquidation) advises me that the Hydro Commission are very slow in concluding adjustments so as to enable the Company to completely liquidate and surrender its charter.

I have just heard from Mr.Phin in this connection, and would appreciate very much if you could do anything to assist in expediting matters. There is only a small amount of money involved, and the Company are very anxious to get the situation cleaned up.

With kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

A. J. Nesbitt

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Hydro

November 17, 1933.

Mr. A. J. Nesbitt,
Nesbitt, Thomson & Co. Ltd.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

I have yours of 15th. Am advised the difficulty is well-known to the Dominion Power people and that they are quite aware that we have to wait principally for some word from Maple Leaf, which cannot come for a week or so yet. This word is in connection with Maple Leaf's accounts with Dominion Power. I am assured that there is no delay or slowness whatever on the part of the Hydro officials.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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THE LANG TANNING COMPANY
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KITCHENER, ONTARIO

LOUIS L. LANG
PRESIDENT
AND GENERAL MANAGER

November 16th, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
Canadian General Investment Trust,
Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Senator:

For some months I have been trying to get a position for a young man in Galt, of excellent character, who graduated from Toronto University as an electrical engineer two years ago; but through lack of influence and this unfortunate depression he has been unable to get a position of any kind.

Putting him through college was quite an effort. The family are without means, and I do feel that this is a very deserving case, and I have no doubt that with your good influence a position can be found for him in the Hydro Commission.

I am asking Albert Jensen to call to see you when he is in Toronto some day this week or next week.

Yours very truly,

LLL:C.

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THE LANG TANNING COMPANY
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LOUIS L. LANG
PRESIDENT
AND GENERAL MANAGER

November 16, 1933.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C.,
Canadian General Investment Trust,
Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Senator:

The bearer, Albert Jansen, is the young man I referred to in my letter of recent date.

I would very much appreciate your giving this young man's application your serious consideration and using your good influence to get him located with the Hydro Commission.

Yours very truly,

LLL:C.

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Hydro

November 18, 1933.

Mr. Louis L. Lang,
The Lang Tanning Co.,
Kitchener, Ont.

Dear Mr. Lang:

I have your letter of 16th and saw Mr. Jensen this morning.

Hydro has been letting off Engineers steadily, and as a matter of fact, the taking on of anybody has never yet come before the Commission since I went on. I did arrange though that if this young man would go up to Kirkland Lake he could probably get labouring work which might be of use to him later or at least establish some connection for him. He is going to let me know later whether he will do this.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Mr. R. J. Jeffery

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☐ FOR COMMENTS
☐ FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
☑ FOR ANSWER
☐ FOR REPORT

November 24, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter from John A. Johnston of Smith's Falls. Mr. Meighen would appreciate your drafting reply for his signature.

Yours very truly,

E. M. Edmondson

E. Secretary.

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JOHN A. JOHNSTON
DRUGGIST AND STATIONER,
CENTRAL PHARMACY,
COR. BECKWITH & RUSSELL ST.,
SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.

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Smiths Falls
Nov. 21/33.

The Honorable
A. Meighen Esq
Ottawa.

Dear Mr Meighen:—

I dont expect that you will remember me - but I met you at the time of the Preston - Findlay - Bye - election. You were in my store & I helped to adorn the stage when you spoke in the theatre.

Now Mr Meighen. I want some advice from you. I have a Summer Cottage at Rideau Ferry. Some 3 or 4 years ago - I signed for Hydro. I have never wired my cottage or used the electricity in any way. This on account of Depreciation.

I am to pay $16.00 per year for 20 years.
I have made no payments yet.
What I want to know is:—

1. Can payments be deferred till times better.
2. Arrears are now added to Tax Bill - must I pay same.
3. Will be willing to pay when times improve.

I must congratulate you on your wonderful promotion to leader of the Senate.

If you can help me in the above it will be greatly appreciated

Yours Very Truly John A. Johnston,
Druggist

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Engineering Department

Hon. J. R. Cooke, M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
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November 25th, 1933

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

G. F. D.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
Commissioner,
347 Bay Street,
TORONTO.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is acknowledgment of letter from Mr. H. F. Gadsby with reference to service at Squires' Beach. This is for your signature, if satisfactory.

Yours truly,

F. A. Gaby

Chief Engineer

DIN/F

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November 27, 1933

MEMORANDUM TO THE RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, P.C.,K.C.,
COMMISSIONER.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

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Yours truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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Yours truly,

ESF/ET

CHIEF ENGINEER

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November 27, 1933

Mr. John A. Johnston,

SMITHS FALLS, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of November 21st, with reference to your contract for service to your summer cottage at Rideau Ferry.

Rural extensions are constructed on the basis of each contract providing for a part of the length of line built. On this account it is necessary that charges be made in connection with the different contracts, whether service is taken or not, and this is particularly so in the case of the extension which was built at Rideau Ferry, as up to the present there have not been received contracts, sufficient to more than provide for the length of line constructed.

Therefore, for this reason, it is not possible to relieve you of the charges under your contract and under the Power Commission Act, arrears are added to the taxes on the property, for which the contract for electric service is signed.

Yours truly,

ESF/ET

COMMISSIONER

For Mr. Meighen's signature

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ESF/ET

(Mr. Meighen)

COMMISSIONER

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November 27, 1933

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CHIEF ENGINEER

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

(HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSION APPROVAL NO.

DATE November 27, 1933

MEMORANDUM TO MR. R. T. JEFFERY,- Chief Municipal Engineer

SUBJECT PERTH R. P. D.

Mr. J. A. Johnston, signed a Class 2A contract in 1931, but is now being billed as a Class 1B consumer in view of there being four or more contracts which can be served as a group, As stated he has not wired his property for service and in addition there are three other contracts of the same date where service has not been taken on the line to Rideau Ferry.

The majority of the contracts taken are for summer cottage services. A certain number of additional contracts have been received since the line was put in service and these have been applied to reduce guarantee contracts which were taken at the time the line was put in service.

At the present time the number of contracts including those which have not taken service are sufficient to make up standard density. There has been considerable deficit in the operation of this district each year, since the line was put in service.

Yours truly,

E. S. Frost

ESF/ET

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

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Hydro

CANADIAN AIRWAYS LIMITED
1006 GRAIN EXCHANGE
WINNIPEG, CANADA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Enroute Ottawa-Winnipeg,
December 1, 1933.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
347 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I understand that the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission are now giving consideration to the building of a power plant to serve the Central Patricia Mine being developed by Fred Connell and the other properties on the Pickle Crow River in the same area being developed by Jack Hammell.

I understand that if this work is gone ahead with there will be quite a little aerial transportation required and I would appreciate very much if you would put in a good word for the Canadian Airways. Since our Air Mail contracts have been discontinued we are having a terribly tough battle, our objective being to keep our losses down as low as possible. We cannot afford to lose any freighting business that we can possibly secure.

We have a magnificent organization, but we urgently need more business. It may interest you to know that we have over 100 oil and gas caches all across Northern Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the East Arctic to the West Arctic, and that our offices in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver are able to quickly give firm quotations on the transportation of 5 pounds or 100,000 pounds of freight, from any Province in Canada right into the Arctic Circle.

We take the prospectors in who stake the claims, then we fly in the diamond drills to prove up the properties and afterwards provide air service to the mines. Canadian Airways have been a very big factor in the new mining developments that have taken place all across Canada. When Gilbert Labine staked the Eldorado Mine, he was flown nearly all the way in by the Canadian Airways as a free passenger; we were going in on other business. I could give you quite a list of the properties in the locating of which we have been important factors.

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It might interest you to know that last year we carried 10,000 men in and out of the mines. During the first 10 months of this year we have already carried 10,000 men in and out of the mines.

I do not want to bore you with too much detail but I felt that some time I would like you to know a little more about the job we are doing and trying to do, because I feel that we are doing one of the best constructive jobs that is being done in the Dominion of Canada and have been a very great factor in the bringing in of new wealth.

In the meantime any good word you can put in for us with the Hydro Commission or anyone else looking for aerial photographic service or anything in the way of aerial transportation will be appreciated. I hope to see you when you are next in Winnipeg. With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

James A. Richardson

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December 9,1933.

Mr. James Richardson,
President,
James Richardson & Son,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

I duly received your letter regarding Canadian Airways and the possibility of using their services for work in connection with Hydro construction in the North.

I have already had opportunity to take this matter up with the Chief Engineer and Chairman of the Commission. You may rest assured that we will whenever possible get in touch with Canadian Airways in connection with any Northern freight or transportation service of any kind. The Chief Engineer advises me that the Canadian Airways service has been quite satisfactory where used.

Very sincerely yours,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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December 1, 1933.

Mr. F. A. Gaby,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Gaby:

Enclosed is letter addressed to Duncan Sinclair by J. A. Combe of Palmerston. Mr. Sinclair speaks in the highest terms of this young man. Palmerston, of course, has been hard hit because of lack of Railway work. As Combe has had some experience with Hydro, it might be possible to offer him something up North. Please let me know.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Commissioner.

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Harriston Nov 23/23

Hon Arthur Meighen
Toronto

Dear Mr Meighen

I am enclosing you a letter I received from J. A. Coombs of Palmerston who says he has an application in Hydro Office for a position on some Construction work I know the family very well and they are a splendid family, and good friends of ours - The Town of Palmerston has been hard hit on account of Railway situation and it almost impossible for the young men to get work of any kind, I will appreciate it very much if you can place Mr Coombs on staff coming -

Yours very Truly
Duncan Sinclair

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Hydro

December 1, 1933.

Mr. Duncan Sinclair,
Harriston, Ont.

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

I have your letter of 23rd November with enclosure of letter from J. A. Combe of Palmerston.

Will take this matter up with the Commission and see if it is possible to get any work for this young man.

Yours very truly,

AM/E. Commissioner.

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Dec. 5, 1933.

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

Mr. J. A. Combe,
Palmerston, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 20th, addressed to Mr. D. Sinclair, has been referred to me by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

I have made enquiries re the possibility of obtaining employment for you, and regret to advise that at the present time there are no openings whatever. We will be pleased, however, to place your letter on file for reference should a suitable vacancy occur in the future.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

This Copy for: The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen

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Hon: arthur Meighan

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Dear Sir

would like to draw your attention to the enclosed Gatineau power co Hydro bill This is a farm service bill and the owner has three electric motors - milking machine - pumping - and washing machine - you will note the service charge is only 55ct with 10% off for cash. would like to know why a public utility like the ont Hydro electric system cannot compete in price with a private co like the gatineau power co. a farmer using ont Hydro power pays about $24.00 a year more in service charges than the farmer in Quebec using a private co power

very truly yours
albert bliffe
R 2 Lansdowne
Ont

Mr. Gaby
Please draft reply
A. Meighen
per E.

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Answered by G.F.D. for Mr. Meighen's signature, Dec. 1/33

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Toronto 2

December 1st, 1933

ADDRESS REPLY ATTENTION OF

G. F. D.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner,
National Building,
T O R O N T O.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I am enclosing a letter prepared in answer to one received from Mr. Albert Cliffe of Lansdowne, Ont.

I have endeavored to point out that the Gatineau Power Co. uses a "zone" rate scheme, applying that rate over a district including urban and rural sections, which is not comparable with the Commission's scheme of supplying power at cost to rural communities as apart from urban communities.

The reply also points out that the Gatineau Power Co. only makes extensions on its own choice, determined primarily on the basis of whether it is economically advantageous to do so, whereas the Commission extends its

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Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,

lines into rural communities anywhere, so long as the density is up to the standard of three farm contracts per mile.

It has also been pointed out that while the Gatineau Electric Light Co.'s service charge is comparatively low, their first kilowatt-hour rate is comparatively high.

I trust this letter will meet your requirements.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF ENGINEER

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A. T. STUART
8 STRACHAN AVENUE
TORONTO, ONT.

December 20 1933.

Rt.Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

My thought in phoning your office the other day was to suggest an interview in which I could review the recent developments regarding the use of power for the production of hydrogen and oxygen.

This subject is now being actively developed by important German interests who have established contacts with several power companies in Canada. Their statements of the possibilities make anything I have said seem quite modest.

I have some new suggestions, particularly regarding the storage of energy, which have interested Dr.Gaby and engineers of the Hydro. These are now being studied by committees of Hydro engineers and I feel that we can accomplish in an improved manner most of the effects claimed by the Germans.

I think that you would be interested in having me review these matters at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A. T. Stuart

A.T.Stuart.

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A. T. STUART
8 STRACHAN AVENUE
TORONTO, ONT.

December 27 1933.

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Canadian General Securities Limited,
National Building,
Toronto.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

From your letter of the 26th. it appears that my letter of the 20th. could not have been very clear, because I had no thought of imposing upon your time or asking you to take on other interests.

My thought in suggesting a conference was to post you to date in your capacity as a Hydro Commissioner on new developments re hydrogen and oxygen and also because you have for so long taken an interest in this work. As I said in my letter of the 20th., Hydro engineers are now seriously studying my proposals and I feel that we can accomplish results of considerable value to the Commission. If the Commission should at any time consider retaining anyone on this work, I should like it to be known that I might be released for part time for such services.

I realize that great demands are being made upon your time and energy. However, if at any time you feel free enough to have me review these matters for you, I should indeed be glad to do so.

I greatly appreciate your good wishes to me in my work.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,

Yours sincerely,

A. T. Stuart

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130435

December 28, 1933.

Mr. A. T. Stuart,
8 Strachan Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I have your letter of 27th. I now understand better what you wish to see me about, but it is something you should take up with the men who will thoroughly understand it, in the Hydro organization. If y ou would care to have a talk with Mr. Gaby or Mr. Jeffery, I could arrange for you to see either one. Am disposed to think Mr. Jeffery would be the better.

Please let me know.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Commissioner.

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December 26, 1933.

Mr. A. T. Stuart,
8 Strachan Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I have your letter of 20th.

On Mr. Evans becoming fatally ill early last year, it became necessary for me to assume the chief responsibility of this organization, and I can assure you it takes all my time and energy. It would not be possible for me now to take on other interests, and I, therefore feel nothing could result from our talking over the subject matter of your letter.

I shall always continue to wish you the greatest of success.

Very sincerely yours,

AM/E.

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A. T. STUART
8 STRACHAN AVENUE
TORONTO, ONT.

December 29 1933.

Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Commissioner,
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr.Meighen:

I thank you for your letter of the 28th. in which you kindly offer to arrange interviews for me with Messrs. Gaby and Jeffery.

However, I have already seen both of these gentlemen and am sure that my proposals are now being studied. If anything of especial interest results from these studies I presume that you will hear about it from those quarters without my seeing you.

However, I am very glad to know that you will arrange any interviews for me which I may deem desirable at any time and, if the occassion arises, I will take advantage of your offer.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

A. T. Stuart

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130438

December 20, 1933.

Dear Mr. Langdon:

I have your letter of 13th and thank you very much indeed for sending me copy of the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade. This action is certainly appreciated.

Your letter is being forwarded to the Hon. Mr.Cooke to-day.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

Mr. Wm. O. Langdon,
Moysey Block,
Timmins, Ont.

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Hydro

December 20, 1933.

Hon. J. B. Cooke,
Hydro-Electric Commission,
190 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Enclosed is a further letter from our friend, M. J. Wilson.

I am wondering if Mr. Gaby has seen a copy of the duplicate agreement originally made with Wilson, which he says is on file at Hydro. If this agreement supports Mr. Wilson's allegations, I would certainly think we ought to live up to its terms no matter what was done subsequently. Would like to discuss this matter before or after our meeting on Thursday.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.
Encl.

Commissioner.

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December 28. 1933.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

This is just to wish you a happy & successful 1934. I should have wished you a merry Christmas but I was rather distracted and quite overlooked it. I am sure, however, that you knew it was just a matter of the spirit being willing but the mental capacity of one woman being weak.

If you should see a copy of The Round Table, do read the article — "Was Mars right?" It is not entertaining to us cynics but would be hair raising to all good (?) bankers!

Best wishes, yours sincerely

Jane McDowall

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