

CHARGES SURPLUS POWER STOLEN FROM PEOPLE

Sir Adam Beck, in Militant Mood, From His Place in Legislature, in Urging Prohibition of Export, Says Ontario Cannot Afford to Tolerate Any More Conduct of This Sort on Part of Private Corporate Interests

Sir Adam Beck was in a militant mood in the Legislature yesterday afternoon. It is not often that the Chairman of the Hydro-electric Commission visits Queen's Park and takes part in the debates in the Legislature, but when he made his reappearance he fairly made the sparks fly. In the course of the discussion of a motion in the name of Mr. Marshall of Lincoln asking for certain information regarding the Hydro-radial line from Toronto to Niagara Falls through Hamilton, Sir Adam made an impassioned attack on the Mackenzie & Mann and other interests. He declared: "There is a blight upon the public men and public life of this country which we must remove. Sir William Mackenzie and his associates are responsible. I say it absolutely. I have been threatened with libel. I seek no protection from this House. I am prepared to face these men in the courts and on the platform, to discredit the men who should be discredited even at the sacrifice of my public life."

C. N. R. Offices to Montreal?

The Chairman of the Hydro Commission said Sir Donald Mann had stated that the Canadian Northern would remove their offices to Montreal if they were not dealt with fairly. "I do not know how many people would be sorry if Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann removed their offices to Mexico. We have paid dearly for the exploits of these men in Canada. The Province and the broad Dominion of Canada have been bled white. They have placed a debt on every man, woman and child in Canada of \$26 per head. We do not care whither they go if they only come not hither after they have gone."

Tapping Gas Mains.

The Chairman of the Hydro-electric Commission accused the Electrical Development Company of stealing water power. He said: "We found them stealing, and it is a dangerous statement to make; but I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that if a poor man is liable to go to prison for tapping a gas main, I say that the rich man who appropriates the people's power and water is also liable to imprisonment and can well be called a thief."

"Stealing People's Power," Says Sir Adam Beck

Sir Adam charged that the Electrical Development Company, of which Sir William Mackenzie is President, was entitled by the agreement to generate 125,000 horsepower, but during the last few months had been stealing sufficient water power to bring the amount generated up to 149,750 horsepower. He read the agreement, which specifically refers in three different parts to the right of the Electrical Development Company to generate 125,000 horsepower. He declared that the Electrical Development Company had installed additional equipment in the event of breakdown