

PAPER FIRM WILL BE ASKED A DECLARATION

Ontario Government Would Learn Intentions of Great Lakes Company

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Curry Wants Concession Taken Out of Company's Hands

The Government has instructed that action be started against the Great Lakes Paper Co. for a declaration that the company is bound to take power from the Hydro, Hon. W. E. Raney announced in the Legislature yesterday. The announcement was made during the discussion of the Hydro estimates, when Mr. Dewart wanted to know what were the Government plans in connection with a \$2,500,000 appropriation for power development at Nipegon.

Mr. Raney confirmed the report that the Mission site, west of Fort William, had been approved by the Government for the company to build its plant. Mr. Donald Hogarth said that the Premier had said that the Government would insist on the company taking Hydro power. Why the right-about face? he asked.

Mr. Raney, in reply, said that there was no right-about face. When the Government said that it would insist that the company had to take Hydro power, said Mr. Raney, it insisted within the law. It never said it would insist, law or no law, observed the Attorney-General.

Bound in Honor and in Law.

Mr. J. W. Curry, K.C., amid applause, said that the Government should step in and take the concession off the hands of the company. "The Province is bound in honor and in law," said Mr. Raney. "We must pay some attention to the solemn obligation under seal of the Province," he proceeded, explaining that the contract had been signed by the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines in the former Government.

Regarding the site chosen by the company, Mr. Raney said that the Government merely approved it. When they found the company wanted the Mission site they approved it, not insisting that the company build on any other site. It made no difference to the Government what site they built on, said the Attorney-General.

Mr. George H. Kilmer, K.C., is the counsel the Government has instructed to proceed with the case.

Oppose Bulk Estimates.

Before this matter came up Liberal members in the House objected to Hydro estimates being presented in bulk, and Col. Carmichael consented that they stand over until details could be prepared. Col. Carmichael said that extensions were in prospect from Ailsa Craig to Parkhill and from Bothwell to Glencoe. They hoped also, he said, to get power to build steam plants as an auxiliary. The steam plant was to take care of ice floe trouble, he told the House.
