

## LARGE HYDRO ITEM LEADS TO TROUBLE

### The Government Called Into Question Over New On- tario Paper Concern

An item in the Hydro estimates calling for \$2,500,000 for the Hydro system in Thunder Bay started a dispute in the Legislature last night. R. R. Hall, Parry Sound, made an attack on Sir Adam Beck, to which Hon. D. Carmichael referred to as "unmanly." The whole troublesome question of the agreement with the Great Lakes Pulp & Paper Co. came very much into the argument.

H. H. Dewart thought the Government should have taken action into its own hands instead of submitting it to the courts.

Premier Drury pointed out that there were two aspects to the question. On the first there was no doubt whatever, and that was that the company had agreed to build certain mills, and on the second that the company was obliged to use Hydro power, there was some doubt. That was the reason it had been taken to the courts.

If the company did not live up to the first obligation, then the Government "would cancel the rights" to the timber limits. As the agreement said that the mills must be completed as soon as the Hydro was ready, and the Hydro was not yet ready, then the agreement had not yet been broken.

The item was finally approved.

All the Hydro estimates went through, despite the fact that H. H. Dewart protested that the ten and a half millions for the Chippawa development should be discussed at greater length and that the House should have more information. Hon. Mr. Carmichael informed him that this money was necessary to finish the work. It could not stop now. Some of the money has already been spent.

Mr. Dewart also wanted to discuss the Seymour Power Company transaction when the item on the central Ontario system was under discussion. He was told that he would get an opportunity later to discuss that issue.

Hon. Peter Smith, Provincial Treasurer, said that he thought the Hydro Commission should present an annual Budget on its affairs and have a proper business system of presenting its accounts.

## COMMISSION ON HYDRO TROUBLE IS APPOINTED

### MAY BE ABLE TO REPORT BE- FORE CLOSE OF THIS SESSION

No time has been lost by the Government in appointing its commission of members to report on the labor troubles at the Chippawa development. The commission was announced yesterday, with the following members: U. F. O. group, Edgar Watson (North Victoria), W. H. Casselman (Dundas); Labor group, M. M. MacBride (Brantford); Liberals, Major J. C. Toimie (Windsor); Conservatives, Gen. A. E. Ross (Kingston).

The commission, if it gets to work immediately, will be able to report direct to the House instead of to the Government. However, it is formed so that it can report to the Cabinet in case the session of the Legislature has finished.

## ABBOTT DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE

### Signed No Warrant for Bonus Payment to the Civil Servants

Dr. A. H. Abbott, Secretary of the Organization of Resources Committee, appeared before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday, and said he knew nothing whatever about the sum paid out of monies set aside for the work of that committee to civil servants. "I did not sign any warrant for the payment of the bonus," said Dr. Abbott, "and it never came before me in any shape or form."

Lieut.-Col. H. S. Cooper, Northwest Toronto, asked Dr. Abbott if he held any other position while on the Organization of Resources Committee. Dr. Abbott said he retained his position on the staff of the University of Toronto, otherwise he would have lost all pension rights under the Carnegie foundation.

Hon. Walter Rollo then spoke up and said that he (Rollo) had been a member of the committee when organized, and he knew that Dr. Abbott had spent on some days twenty-four hours a day on the work, during the first year and a half that the committee existed. No member of the committee except himself, said Mr. Rollo, received any remuneration. Mr. Rollo said the former Government had promised a bonus, and this was the only money available to pay it.

### Hall and McCrea Clash.

There was a warm clash between Charles McCrea of Sudbury and R. R. Hall of Parry Sound, when Mr. McCrea objected to what he termed Mr. Hall making a speech in committee, and asked the Chairman to direct that Mr. Hall confine himself to questions. Mr. Hall retorted that he had as much right as any Minister of the Crown to address the committee.

Mr. R. Home Smith was called relative to an item in the accounts of the sum of \$25,000 for the fuel administration. Mr. Smith said that the expenditure was made in operating the office, that books were kept and vouchers could be shown for everything, and that all monies were paid out by cheques. "I want an audit of the account," said Mr. Smith, "and I thought an audit had been made." The books, he said, were available for the committee if it wanted them.

## WILL LIMIT WATER USED AT NIAGARA

Power to prevent any power company at Niagara Falls from using more than its rightful supply of water or developing any more than its rightful supply of power is contained in legislation introduced yesterday in the Legislature by Hon. D. Carmichael, Government member on the Hydro Commission.

The penalty for ignoring notice to cease using additional water or developing extra power is absolute cancellation of all rights at the falls.