

## Drury Tells Association He Refuses to Be Bound to One Name

Premier Drury declined to be bound by the action of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association in suggesting only one name, that of A. Courtney Kingstone, K.C., of St. Catharines, as representative of the municipalities on the Gregory Commission, which is investigating the Chippawa Canal work. Following is Premier Drury's letter to Secretary Hannigan of the association:

Dear Mr. Hannigan,—I have before me your letter of May 4, and note that the Executive of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association recommends the name of A. C. Kingstone of St. Catharines for my consideration as a member of the investigating commission. I do not know anything of Mr. Kingstone, and so cannot express an opinion as to his qualifications.

I would point out to you, however, that the understanding was that you

should nominate, not one, but a number of names of men, and that I should be permitted to select one from the list. The Press reports of your meeting gave a list of names, which, if I remember rightly, included Mayor Maguire, Toronto; Mayor Copley, Hamilton; Sam Carter, Guelph; Blake Winter, Windsor; W. H. Morden, Reeve of Trafalgar; F. H. Richardson, Warden of Ontario; Controller Thos. W. Jutten, Hamilton; Fred Newman, Picton; W. K. Sanderson, St. Thomas; C. K. Ranse, Kitchener, and Peter W. Rae, Waterdown.

In this list there are a number of gentlemen who would have been acceptable to me, and who, I think, would have given good service on the commission. I cannot think that the fact that they were members of local Hydro Commissions should or would have barred them from the position.

If your association cares to recommend these names, or a number of other good men, I would be pleased to appoint one of them to the commission. I cannot, however, accept your nomination of one man, leaving the Government no choice and no alternative in his appointment. Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) E. C. Drury.