

OFFERS POWER AT LOW PRICE

W. H. Casselman, M.P.P.,
Outlines Mahlon Beach's
Proposal

SELL AT PLANT FOR \$16

The following letter has been sent to the Ontario Hydro Commission by W. H. Casselman, U.F.O. member for Dundas:

"Toronto, June 1, 1922.

"Hydro-electric Power Commission of Ontario, Toronto.

"Dear sirs: Mr. Mahlon Beach of Iroquois has made an offer to the residents of the townships of Matilda, Mountain, Williamsburg and Winchester, in the county of Dundas, and Edwardsburg and South Gower, in the county of Grenville, to transmit and supply to them electrical power and energy at \$30 per year, stand-by charge, and 6 cents per kilowatt hour consumption charge. This offer is made contingent on his receiving from the Government 50 per cent. of the cost of building the primary transmission line. As you are aware, I have been endeavoring to have passed at this session of the Legislature a bill which will allow this payment to be made, so as to permit the residents of these townships to take advantage of this very reasonable offer. It does not seem probable, however, that such legislation will be passed. I therefore submit to you for your consideration the following alternative proposition:

"As you are aware, under the existing legislation you are entitled to receive this 50 per cent. bonus. Mr. Beach is prepared to transfer to you his present transmission lines at actual cost. He is also prepared to supply you with power from his plant at Iroquois at the rate of \$16 per horsepower per year. I have no doubt in case you purchase his line you will receive from the Government one-half the cost, are you, on your part, prepared to proceed with the Beach scheme and supply the residents of these townships at the rate agreed upon by Mr. Beach, namely, \$30 per year, stand-by charge, and 6 cents per kilowatt hour, consumption charge? This would also include taking over the contract already made by Mr. Beach upon this basis."