

Wednesday, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>

W. J. Owens, Conservative, Southeast Toronto; J. A. Pinard, Liberal, East Ottawa; Edmond Proulx, Liberal, Prescott; D. M. Ross, Progressive, North Oxford; W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader, South Ontario; E. P. Tellier, Liberal, North Essex; A. G. Wallis, Liberal, Algoma; W. G. Weichel, Conservative, North Waterloo; E. R. Wigle, Conservative, Centre Huron; F. W. Wilson, Conservative, Windsor; W. G. Willson, Conservative, Niagara Falls.

#### The Vote Against It.

Those voting against the amendment were: A. Armstrong, Conservative, South Essex; Aurelien Belanger, Liberal, Russell; W. D. Black, Conservative, Addington; W. H. Chambers, Conservative, South Oxford; Sam. Clarke, Liberal, West Northumberland; Hon. Thomas Crawford, Conservative, Northwest Toronto; G. A. Elliott, Conservative, North Middlesex; Harold Fisher, Liberal, West Ottawa; G. V. Harcourt, Conservative, Parry Sound; W. H. Ireland, Conservative, West Hastings; John Joynt, Conservative, North Huron; R. H. Kemp, Progressive, Lincoln; J. G. Lethbridge, Progressive, West Middlesex; F. G. McBrien, Conservative, Southwest Toronto; C. R. McKeown, Conservative, Dufferin; J. R. Mark, Conservative, North Victoria; Harry Morel, Conservative, Nipissing; George Oakley, Conservative, Riverdale; L. W. Oke, Progressive, East Lambton; Hon. W. E. Raney, Progressive, East Wellington; A. M. Rankin, Conservative, Frontenac; W. E. Rowe, Conservative, South Simcoe; Frank Spence, Conservative, Fort William; Aaron Sweet, Conservative, Dundas; N. W. Trewartha, Conservative, South Huron; G. D. Sewell, Progressive, North Norfolk.

#### Stormy Progress in Halifax.

Halifax, April 1.—"Tyrannous and coercive, a breach of sacred promises and pledges torn to ribbons; unconstitutional and a challenge to British fair play and justice," were some of the words used to describe Bill No.

52, the Church Union Bill, now being considered by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, when the representatives of the opposing religious sections met on the floor of the Assembly Chamber last night before the Private and Local Bills Committee to give their various arguments to the men who will pass on the United Church of Canada Act.

On the other hand, prominent leaders in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches told the committee members and the gallery assembly, which was the largest that has ever before crowded into that section of the Province Building, that the proposed Union was the logical and natural evolution of religious progress in this country, and that justice and fairness to all peoples would be the paramount consideration, in keeping with the efficient working out of the plan.

The hearing will be continued tomorrow morning.

# MERRY BATTLE IS STAGED WHEN DOHERTY DECLARES BECK NIBBLED U.F.O. BAIT

## Hydro Chairman Tells How Agrarians Angled for Him, and Says "Doherty's the Corpse, Not Beck"—Amid Teapot Dome and Blind Bond Scandals Hydro Remains Pure

### CHIPPAWA PLANT NOW TAKING CARE OF ALL FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Introducing for discussion the Hydro estimates for the ensuing year, Sir Adam Beck, Chairman of the Provincial Hydro Commission, announced in the Legislature yesterday that Chippawa was now taking care of all its financial commitments, including sinking fund allowance. Amid applause he added that there was some likelihood during the year of a reduction in the present average cost of power of \$15 a horsepower on the Niagara system.

It was Sir Adam's first address to the Legislature since his return, and for over five hours he proceeded, afternoon and evening, dealing with every aspect of Hydro affairs over the Province. The Gregory report loomed large in his references, and, although promising a full printed reply later, he dealt with what he termed the "personal" charges in that document, including the "malicious" one that he had misappropriated \$1,100,000 of power funds for radial purposes. Of that amount, he said, \$300,000 was in respect of Hydro Commission, and the balance was passed by the Drury Government.

#### 1924 Revenue \$9,500,000.

Speaking directly in reply to a question by Hon. D. Carmichael, former Hydro Commissioner under the Drury Government, Sir Adam said that, whereas in 1923 the estimated revenue from all plants on the Niagara generating system was \$8,845,000, the revenue for 1924 would be \$9,500,000.

Of this \$9,500,000 of revenue \$6,200,000 would be required for interest, \$1,217,000 for sinking fund, \$410,000 for depreciation, and \$1,280,000 for operation maintenance and repairs, leaving an estimated surplus for the year of \$400,000. In the same connection, Sir Adam reminded the House of his contradiction in 1921 of some of Hon. E. C. Drury's utterances, when Sir Adam predicted that when Queenston was delivering 250,000 horsepower the average cost would be \$15. In 1923, when the plant was delivering only 227,366 horsepower, the average cost was \$15.03.

#### Druryism Cost Fifteen Millions.

Sir Adam severely condemned the late Government for its attitude of criticism and interference in connection with Hydro matters, and made the statement that its career in office had cost the Hydro Commission, one way and another, \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000. Every single "insinuation" contained in the Gregory report, he said, would be answered in printed form in due course.

There were exceedingly warm exchanges between Sir Adam and Hon. Manning Doherty, Progressive Leader, arising out of mention of the well-known offer to Sir Adam in 1919 of the leadership of the U. F. O.

party. Mr. Doherty declared that Sir Adam had risen frantically to the hook, which Sir Adam denied, adding that, in view of recent revelations, he was never so thankful of anything in his life than the fact that he had not bitten.

#### "Unfair and Dishonest."

In opening his address, Sir Adam referred to the early opposition to Hydro, remarking, however, that it had not attained the "persistent, insistent, unfair and dishonest" proportions that it had latterly. He condemned the distrust that had questioned the ability and the vision of Hydro engineers, because, possibly, they were of Canadian rather than other nationality.

While "disgusting scandals" were rocking the continent from one end to the other—"to the south of us it is oil, and to the north it is the treasure of the people of the Province of Ontario"—Sir Adam proudly proclaimed that in 20 years of operation, in the handling of millions of money, not a breath of suspicion of wrongdoing or misappropriation had ever been uttered in connection with Hydro.

"I am not ashamed to be the one member of that Commission," he said, "who has been on the Commission for 21 years. I am not even ashamed of the insinuations made against me by the defunct Gregory Commission, insinuations which were nothing more or less than legal or technical. No one has raised or pointed a finger at an act of corruption or wrongdoing or misconduct or negligence on the part of a single man or member connected with this organization since its inception."

The subject of Hydro criticism, he said, was "one that has brought age to some of us." Apparently Hydro's opponents, who seemed to be among the people with the most money, had originated the propaganda to influence the minds of the people away from their own project.

#### Carmichael's Bomb.

Dealing with the resignation of Hon. D. Carmichael from the Hydro Commission during the session of 1922, Sir Adam said that that bomb was exploded when both he and his child were ill at a Southern summer resort. He referred to Mr. Carmichael as the member for North

Grey, which prompted D. J. Taylor, the North Grey member, to point out the error.

"Well," said Sir Adam, "it is Grey anyway, and the subject made some of us greyer than we would otherwise have been."

Mr. Carmichael, he continued, had projected his resignation without ever mentioning the question of mistrust to his colleagues, although he knew he could have had at his disposal every official in the Hydro organization to delve into any matters concerning which he had a mistrust.

Dealing with the Gregory Commission's "insinuations" — and they