

"ANOTHER ABITIBI" FEARED BY SINCLAIR AS EFFECT OF BILL

Opposes Measure Providing for Provincial Power Ventures in North

Declaring that the legislation asked was of a radical nature, and that it paved the way for other such occurrences as the Abitibi power purchase, W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal House Leader, took objection in the Legislature yesterday to an amendment to the Power Commission Act, which would provide that developments in unorganized districts in Northern Ontario are proceeded with as Provincial ventures on terms of agreement between the Province and the Commission. In spite of his opposition, the bill was given second reading without a division.

The amendment also provides that where power developments take place in such districts the deficits may be charged to suspense accounts, and provision is to be made for the charging off of these deficits. The Liberal House Leader also objected to the annual report of the Hydro Commission being tabled on the second last day of the session, when, according to the statutes, it should have been brought down on March 1. "I suppose they are so busy down there adding up their salaries," he observed in connection with the delay.

Hon. J. R. Cooke, Chairman of the Commission, in explaining the bill, reviewed the several developments in Northern Ontario. Pressure had been brought to bear on the Government to have the services extended at various times, he remarked. And it was as a result of this that the 100,000 horsepower contract was signed by the Hydro with the Abitibi Development. The district was crying out for cheap power, he said.

And the Commission was able to transmit the power 225 miles to Sudbury at a cost of \$18 per horsepower. "This was an achievement of which the Hydro is proud," he said, comparing it to the \$24 per horsepower cost to Toronto of power from Niagara, ninety miles away. The legislation asked for would allow the Wahnapiatae, Ear Falls, Nipissing and Abitibi plants in one unit, and this would make for cheaper power, he explained.

"The Minister has failed to explain the working out of the bill," objected Mr. Sinclair. "Under the 1930 bill the whole financing of such developments was to be left with the Commission. This leaves it under the Province of Ontario. In other words, the legislation would enable the Abitibi to be repeated legally. If this goes through there can be another Abitibi and no legislation would be required to confirm it."

PHEASANT "POT-HUNTERS" ARE ASSAILED BY NIXON

Claims They Shot Thirteen Tame Birds on His Land— License Gives No Right to Trespass, Challies Notes

The Ontario Legislature heard two-day pheasant hunts roundly scored by Progressive Leader Harry Nixon yesterday afternoon when clauses of the bill to amend the Game and Fisheries Act were being considered in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Nixon termed those who went out on the hunts "pot-hunters—so-called sports." He declared that hunters "had walked over his land as if they had a perfect right to do so," and had shot thirteen pheasants which had been reared on the farm and had become very tame.

"The birds are gone now," said Mr. Nixon, "but I was very sorry to see them go, and I certainly will never propagate them again. I condemn this open season in the most emphatic terms. I have never posted 'No tres-

passing' signs on my farm, and do not intend to."

Hon. G. H. Challies, Minister of Game and Fisheries, observed that the gun license did not give hunters the right of trespass, even if the signs were not up. He held, however, that hunters' licenses had helped the Province in the propagation of pheasants and they had a right to expect an open season. The department had received advice that it would be well to allow the killing of some cock birds, he said.

The Minister also explained that the trespass clause in the Game and Fisheries Act put more teeth in legislation than the Common Trespass Act has. Stiffer penalties were provided.