

Text of Minute Said Suppressed Given to House

Indicates 'All Engineers Agreed as to Future Power Demands

This is the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission minute which Hon. W. H. Price in the Legislature yesterday charged was suppressed by Hon. Arthur Roebuck when he delivered his Hydro contract power indictment. Hon. Arthur Roebuck denied the allegation, reminding that he had read the last paragraph. Mr. Price thereupon conceded that the minute was not deliberately suppressed.

"The Chief Engineer submitted a report dated May 18, 1929, respecting the future power supply for the Niagara system, a copy of which is attached to the page opposite and is made a part of these minutes showing the power at present available, together with a summary of the anticipated increase in load, and the sources from which such anticipated increase could be provided for up to 1936-37.

"This increase, as shown in the report referred to, amount to 80,000 horsepower in 1932, and increased up to 190,000 horsepower in 1936-37, making a total in the six years involved of 850,000 horsepower. The details of this report had been before the Commission for some time and it was finally considered at this meeting. The Chief Engineer reported that all the associated engineers in charge of the various branches of the engineering department concurred in the report as presented.

"The Chairman requested that these engineers attend before the Commission and personally express their reasons in support of the report in question. Mr. Hogg, hydraulic engineer; Mr. Don Carlos, operating engineer; Mr. Brandon, construction engineer, and Mr. R. T. Jeffrey, municipal engineer, were then called in.

"They individually and collectively voiced their approval of the report, produced their records and gave their several experiences in connection with the demand for, and supply of, Hydro power over the past ten years. They recommended the adoption of the report, particularly with reference to the estimated annual increases in demand from 1931 to 1936, which, it is estimated, will be approximately 850,000 horsepower, as set out in page 5a of the memorandum referred to, explaining fully their reasons for the conclusions reached by them. Mr. R. T. Jeffrey expressed the opinion that the Commission would require an even greater quantity than the 850,000 horsepower within the period referred to.

"A general discussion followed in respect to the desirability of the Commission being in a position to take care of additional developments. All of the engineers present were strongly of the opinion that the Commission should acquire the O'Brien properties on the Madewaska and Bonnetchere Rivers, the Dominion Power and Transmission Company's properties, as well as those of the Canadian Niagara Power Company, on the broad grounds of a sound Provincial policy. They were unanimous in respect to the desirability of securing the three properties referred to."

\$5,455 ROAD FOR QUINTUPLETS

Heenan Reports on Outlays in North

Expenditures in all services under the direction of the Department of Northern Development for the year ending Oct. 31, 1934, totalled \$23,800,000, according to a report tabled in the Ontario Legislature by the Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests.

The major portion of the year's expenditure was accounted for in connection with trans-Canada highway work, \$6,275,000, and general works in the North undertaken as unemployment relief works, \$13,752,000. In this connection the report indicates that the sum of \$1,992,000 was repaid by the Federal Government in 1934 and that \$1,856,000 is owing from 1933.

The report indicates that the North Bay-Callander road work, to provide access to the home of the Dionne quintuplets cost \$5,455. The sum of \$92,582 was expended on the new road into Algonquin Park from Dwight, with twenty miles of highway having been graded during the year.