

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES (DECEMBER 23, 1948) BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN
AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY DIVERSION
OF WATER IN THE NIAGARA AREA FOR POWER PURPOSES**

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*The Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America
to the Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America*

EMBASSY OF CANADA

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 23, 1948

No. 613

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the exchanges of notes of May 20, 1941 and of October 27 and November 27, 1941, regarding emergency diversions of water for power purposes from the Niagara River, and to conversations that recently have taken place between officials of the Governments of Canada and the United States of America regarding the critical power shortage in Southern Ontario.

In view of the urgent need for additional power in Ontario and of the fact that there are existing hydroelectric facilities on the Canadian side of the Niagara River to use additional water, the Government of Canada hopes that the Government of the United States of America will permit the following temporary diversions:

1. The temporary diversion, above the falls, for power purposes of 4,000 cubic feet per second, in terms of daily aggregate, as provided in the notes exchanged between the two Governments on May 3, 1944, through the hydroelectric plants located along the Canadian side of the Niagara River.

2. The temporary additional diversion of 2,500 cubic feet per second, in terms of daily aggregate, during the non-navigation season, through the Welland Ship Canal for use in the DeCew Falls power plant near St. Catharines.

These diversions of water for power purposes shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. They shall terminate not later than April 15, 1951.

2. They shall be reviewed periodically, as are the arrangements effected by the exchanges of notes referred to above.

3. They shall be used only through the existing hydroelectric facilities and shall not involve the construction of any new facilities.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

H. H. WRONG

For the text of the Notes of May 20, 1941 see CTS. 1941/7. For the text of the Notes of October 27 and November 27, 1941, see CTS. 1941/15.