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From the United States Secretary of State to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, November 17, 1923.

SIR,—The Ambassador informed me by his note No. 431 of June 3, 1922, that the Canadian Government had not opportunity to give to the report of the International Joint Commission in regard to the St. Lawrence River improvement scheme and the accompanying report of the engineers the careful consideration which the importance of the subject merits and that on account of the magnitude of the project and the large outlay of public money involved the Canadian Government was of the opinion that it was not expedient to deal with the matter at that time.
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Mr. HENRY GETTY CHILTON,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Great Britain.

No. 133.

From the Mayor of Collingwood to the Acting Prime Minister

November 23, 1923.

Honourable W. S. FIELDING,
Acting Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Ontario.

DEAR SIR,—It is proposed to send delegates, from interested municipalities, to Ottawa to wait on the Federal Government asking that the United States Government be memorialized at Washington with a view to having the city of Chicago prevented from diverting the waters of lake Michigan, contrary to treaty between Canada and the United States.

From estimates made and submitted at various meetings held to protest against the action of Chicago it would appear that lake levels and consequently lake navigation are being seriously affected by such action.

We are interested in this matter in Collingwood and are prepared to support a peaceful but firm protest against, what appears to us, a violation of treaty rights and a serious menace to Canadian lake transportation and Canadian industry.

May I ask whether the Federal Government has yet decided to make representations of any such character at Washington? We are interested enough in this matter to join the delegation to Ottawa but if the Government has already decided on the action to be taken I can perceive no reason for action on our part at this time.

Yours very truly,
J. ROBINS ARTHUR,
Mayor.

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