

work and that the results of this agreement should be helpful in prosecuting Canada's war effort and to the general advantage of all concerned.

Yours very truly,

M. F. HEPBURN.

Right Honourable W. L. MACKENZIE KING, P.C.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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*From The Prime Minister of Canada,
To The Premier of Ontario.*

OTTAWA, October 30, 1940.

My Dear PREMIER,

I have received your letter of 18th October, 1940, concerning the proposals relating to the development of the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence River and to the diversion of approximately 5,000 cubic feet per second from the Albany River basin into Lake Superior, and the immediate use of additional water for power at Niagara Falls.

In view of your assurance that the Commission is prepared to proceed immediately with the Ogoki and Long Lake diversions, and that the Province of Ontario has approved, I have requested the Canadian Minister at Washington to confer with the Secretary of State, with a view to the immediate authorization of an additional diversion at Niagara of 5,000 cubic feet per second. I assume that instructions will go forward from Washington to the United States representative on the Niagara Board, and similar instructions will be sent from the Canadian Government to the Canadian member. The Hydro Electric Commission will be advised at the same time. It will then be possible to make the additional diversion at Niagara without further formality.

In the third paragraph of your letter you ask whether the letter itself would be regarded as a sufficient undertaking on the part of Ontario, or whether some more formal undertaking is needed. I should not be inclined to ask for anything beyond your letter, which sets forth very clearly the position of the Ontario Government. If, however, in order to meet the requirements of your own governmental procedure, there is a formal Order in Council or Minute of the Commission, I should appreciate it if you would send me copies for purposes of record.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

The Honourable MITCHELL F. HEPBURN,
Premier of the Province of Ontario,
Toronto, Canada.