

ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agree to establish and maintain a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, consisting of not more than ten members of whom an equal number shall be appointed by each Government. The duties of the Commission shall be:

- (a) To prepare plans for the construction of works in the International Rapids Section in accordance with one of the projects described in the Report of the Joint Board of Engineers with Appendices, dated July 13, 1927, with such modifications as may be agreed upon by the Governments, provided that such modifications do not increase the proposed total cost of the project as estimated in that Report, with a view to providing a navigation channel, not less than twenty-seven feet deep, together with the most suitable works for the development of power;
- (b) Upon the approval of the plans by the Governments, to prepare a schedule allocating the construction of the recommended works in the International Rapids Section to the Governments on such a basis that each Government shall construct the works within its own territory or an equivalent proportion of the works in the International Rapids Section;
- (c) To approve all contracts entered into on behalf of either Government for the recommended works in the International Rapids Section;
- (d) To supervise the construction of the works and to submit reports to the Governments from time to time, and at least once each calendar year, on the progress of the works;
- (e) Upon the completion of the works, to certify to the Governments that they meet the specifications of the plans drawn by the Commission and approved by the Governments;
- (f) To perform the other duties assigned to it in this Treaty;
- (g) To serve as an advisory body to the Governments for the purpose of co-ordinating all plans for the comprehensive utilization of the entire Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin for navigation and power as envisaged in this Treaty.

The Commission shall have the authority to employ engineers, lawyers, experts and employees generally, and to make such other expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the duties herein set forth. It shall have the authority to avail itself of the services of such governmental agencies, officers and employees of either country as may be made available.