

not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words. The expenses of the committee which shall be limited to \$10,000 shall be paid, one-half from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives: *Provided*, That Senate Resolution Numbered 411, agreed to January 25, 1923, be, and the same hereby is, discontinued in force and effect.

No. 108.

*From the National Advisory Committee, St. Lawrence Waterway, to the
Secretary of State for External Affairs*

OTTAWA, Ont., January 9, 1925.

SIR,—I beg to advise, for the information of the Government, that a meeting of the National Advisory Committee, St. Lawrence Waterway, was held at Ottawa, on January 5th, for the consideration of the draft instructions to the enlarged joint engineering board which will report upon the engineering problems involved in the project. The meeting of the Committee was fully attended and the members had the advantage also of the presence of Mr. D. W. McLachlan, Chairman of the Canadian section of the joint board of engineers, and the two technical officers—Brig.-General Mitchell and Mr. O. Lefebvre—who represented Canada at the conference at which the Terms of Reference were drafted, and the deliberations of the Committee were greatly assisted by the explanations and information these officers were able to bring to bear upon the discussions. After dealing fully with both the original report of the technical officers of June 20th, and the supplementary report of December 4th, it was moved by Sir Clifford Sifton, seconded by Hon. Adela Turgeon, and unanimously resolved, that the Terms of Reference as agreed upon by the technical officers representing both countries be recommended for adoption by the Government.

I have, etc.,
GEO. W. YATES,
Secretary.

The Right Honourable
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Ottawa.

No. 109.

*From the Secretary, International Joint Commission, to the Under-
Secretary of State for External Affairs*

January 11, 1925.

DEAR SIR JOSEPH,—I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, relating to alleged damage to certain interests on Rainy River by the dumping of refuse from a pulp and paper mill. I also enclose copy of my reply.

As you are of course aware, this Commission, at the request of the two governments, prepared a draft convention in 1920, designed to carry out the recommendations embodied in the Commission's Final Report in the Pollution of Boundary Waters Investigation.

In the absence of any information as to whether or not the Governments of Canada and the United States have decided to negotiate such a treaty as that of which a draft was prepared by this Commission, it is impossible to give the Department of Public Works any more definite reply to their inquiry.

Yours very truly,
LAWRENCE BURPEE,
Secretary.

Sir JOSEPH POPE, K.C.M.G.,
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Ottawa.

ENCLOSURE 1 IN No. 109

*From the Secretary, Department of Public Works, to the International
Joint Commission*

OTTAWA, January 9, 1925.

SIR,—In November last this Department received a letter from Messrs. Elliott, Hume, McKague and Anger, Barristers, of Toronto, on behalf of the owner of an island—583P—in the Rainy River, three-quarters of a mile below the town of Fort Frances, which heretofore was used for summer resort purposes, but which it is alleged has been detrimentally affected by the refuse from the pulp and paper mill operated by the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company, situated above the island.

The Rainy River being an international stream, I beg to send herewith copy of the various papers,¹ etc., submitted to the Department with regard to this matter, and would ask if this is a case with which the International Joint Commission can deal.

Your obedient servant,
S. E. O'BRIEN,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
International Joint Commission,
Ottawa.

¹ See enclosures in No. 114.

ENCLOSURE 2 IN No. 109

*From the International Joint Commission to the Secretary, Department
of Public Works*

January 11th, 1925.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing papers in relation to the dumping of refuse from the pulp and paper mill of the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company at International Falls into Rainy River, to the detriment, as it is alleged, of the owners of an island on the Canadian side of Rainy River, and inquiring if this is a case with which the International Joint Commission can deal.

In reply I may draw your attention to the language of Article IV of the Treaty of January 11th, 1909, between Great Britain and the United