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INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
TO STUDY PRESERVATION OF NIAGARA FALLS

The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Canadian and the United States governments have asked the International Joint Commission to report on the desirability of measures to preserve or enhance the beauty of the American Falls at Niagara. The study has been agreed to by the Province of Ontario.

The Commission is to recommend whatever measures may be desirable both to remove the rockfall or talus which has accumulated at the base of the American Falls and to retard or prevent future erosion. Large sections of the crest of the American Falls collapsed in 1931 and 1954.

The joint investigation recognizes the obligation of both countries to preserve or enhance the beauty of Niagara Falls and River, as set out in the Niagara Treaty of 1950. It was pointed out that the deterioration of the American Falls would be an aesthetic and economic loss to Canada as well as to the United States.