

These most recent meetings were similar to those held last year on the Niagara River and on the St. Croix River. The purposes were also the same, namely, to bring clearly into the open the current state of pollution, to ascertain why the water quality objectives recommended by the Commission and approved by the Governments concerned were not being met, and to have provincial, state and federal authorities having responsibility set forth categorically their current programmes for meeting these objectives.

We believe that it is important that the two Governments be informed without delay of the Commission's appreciation of the current condition of these rivers based upon the latest information made available at these meetings:

- (1) The situation in the St. Marys River continues to be unsatisfactory because of the discharge of waste materials (particularly oils, phenols, wood chips and iron) from two large Canadian industries, namely, the Algoma Steel Corporation Limited and Abitibi Paper Company Limited. However, both companies, for the first time, have submitted specific programmes of corrective action which, with other measures already taken by the border municipalities, give good prospects for bringing the river into conformity with the IJC objectives in the next year or so, provided the programmes are carried out in accordance with the companies' expressed intentions.
- (2) Although considerable improvements have been made in the St. Clair River, the position in the area of Sarnia, Ontario, continues to cause concern. Of the eleven major industries on the Canadian side discharging wastewaters to the river, the effluents from five comply with the objectives of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The remaining six industries have abatement programmes underway or plans under discussion with the OWRC to achieve the same result. The OWRC believes that within the next year or two the Canadian industries responsible for the continuing pollution will be in compliance with the IJC objectives.