

called into consultation, a tentative plan had been made to proceed with the consideration of the legal aspects of the proposed Canada-Ontario Agreement, reserving the financial and engineering aspects of the question until Dr. Hogg's return. It had been tentatively planned to hold a meeting for this purpose during the next week or two with a view to making some progress with the negotiation.

I fully appreciate your view that discussion should be delayed until after Dr. Hogg's return. I am, therefore, asking the Legal Adviser of the Department of External Affairs to let Mr. Conant know that it is considered desirable to defer these discussions for the time being.

If, in the meantime, the matter becomes urgent, I shall communicate with you again.

Yours sincerely,

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

OTTAWA, February 11, 1941.

My DEAR PREMIER,—

May I make further reference to your letter, dated the 25th January, 1941, and to my letter of the 4th February, with reference to the St. Lawrence Waterway and to the problems related thereto.

In your letter you had suggested that discussions with regard to this matter might be deferred until Dr. Hogg had recovered sufficiently to participate. You had pointed out, however, that, if the matter becomes urgent, you would be only too pleased to meet our wishes and to carry on as best you could without him.

In my letter I had concurred in your suggestion that the negotiations should be delayed until Dr. Hogg returned. I pointed out, however, that if the matter became urgent I would communicate with you again.

Having in mind that negotiations with the United States will necessarily await the conclusion of the agreement to be reached between the Dominion and Ontario, it would seem desirable to conclude negotiations with the Government of Ontario as soon as can conveniently be arranged. I should be pleased, therefore, to learn your views with regard to the procedure that should be followed in completing the Canada-Ontario Agreement.

During the recent discussions in Toronto, it has been planned to work out the legal and engineering side of the negotiations at a meeting