

A NATIONAL OR ALL-CANADIAN POLICY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE ST. LAWRENCE DEEP WATERWAY.

Waterway - St. Lawrence ✓

(Confidential)

Ottawa, September 26, 1929.

MEMORANDUM:

The Deputy Minister.

On November 25th, 1926, the undersigned submitted to you for consideration a memorandum entitled "A National Policy for the Construction of the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway", analyzing in the same, the situation as it then presented itself, and strongly advocating a national plan for the development and financing of the waterway as opposed to what might be termed the international plan (i.e., a plan involving a large measure of financial support from the United States). The line of argument presented and the conclusions reached in this earlier memorandum, are as applicable to the conditions obtaining today as they were to the conditions obtaining at the time the memorandum was prepared. Certain developments have, however, taken place in the interval which render the national project even more feasible than formerly.

It is the purpose of this memorandum to outline in as few words as possible the situation at present obtaining in respect to the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway Project, and to present for consideration a line of policy which will solve the difficulties obtaining as between the Dominion and the Provinces in respect to the ownership of power, and which will provide a national or as nearly an "All-Canadian" project as is physically practicable.

To complete the presentation there is added at the end of the memorandum a suggested programme in respect to the Niagara and the Chicago Diversion situations.

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