

was granted an Emphyteutic Lease by the Government of the Province of Quebec on the 23rd of June, 1928. Application was thereupon made to the Government of Canada pursuant to the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 140, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

This application was examined by a Committee of Engineers composed of K. M. Cameron, Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works; Duncan W. McLachlan, of the Department of Railways and Canals, who was Chairman of the Canadian section of the Joint Board of Engineers; L. E. Coté, Chief Engineer, Department of Marine; and J. T. Johnston, Director of the Dominion Water Power and Reclamation Service.

The Committee was of the opinion that the site and works proposed in the plans and application filed by the said Company, would not impede or interfere with navigation on the St. Lawrence River if the conditions recommended by the Committee—and which are set forth in the Order in Council referred to below—were complied with by the Company; having consideration to the interests of the country as a whole, the Committee was of the opinion that if the works were constructed in accordance with the application and plans, subject to the said conditions, they would be efficiently utilized in connection with, and as part of, any feasible and economical scheme for the deep waterway development of the St. Lawrence River.

Upon full consideration His Majesty's Government in Canada decided that approval of the application should be granted, subject to the following, among other, conditions:—

Then follows an extract from the conditions, and then:—

I have the honour to enclose a copy of an Order in Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, on March 8, 1929, in which the construction of the proposed works is approved on the conditions set forth in the Order.

I have the honour to be,  
with the highest consideration,  
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,  
(Sgd.) VINCENT MASSEY.

The Honourable Frank B. Kellogg,  
Secretary of State of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

Now, leaving aside the formal acknowledgment, the letter from the Secretary of State at Washington to the Hon. Mr. Massey reads as follows:—

March 29, 1929.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of March 22, 1929, with which you transmit a copy of an Order in Council, signed by His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada, on March 8, 1929, approving the application of the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, for permission to develop power in the national section of the St. Lawrence River, between Lake St. Francis and Lake St. Louis.

I note the conditions on which the application of the company was approved.