

(d) Without considering compensation by the present relative diversions of water from the Niagara River and from Lake Erie, and without prejudice to a future consideration thereof, what works, if any, could be constructed to recover on the St. Lawrence River the amount of power determined under Section 6 (c) and what would be the cost of such works?

That a paragraph to become the second of the unnumbered paragraphs at the end of the original recommendation be added, to read as follows:

It is also desired that in the preparation of the report, due regard should be had to any diversions from or in the St. Lawrence River watershed which, at the date of the report, are authorized by license by either Canada or the United States.

That the date contained in the concluding paragraph for the completion of the investigation and final report by the Joint Board of Engineers be changed from the end of October, 1925, to the end of April, 1926.

The Minister refers further to the despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, No. 480, of the 30th of December, 1924, in which the American Secretary of State advises that the United States Government has considered and finds acceptable the revised recommendations and is prepared to approve the joint report made by the technical officers on June 20, 1924, amended by the adoption of the same, observing, however, that the approval of the United States Government is given on the understanding, reserved by its technical officers, that consideration at a future time of the unequal diversions of water at Niagara as bearing on the diversions from Lake Michigan is in no wise prejudiced by the omission of the question from those which it is at this time proposed to refer to the Joint Board of Engineers.

The supplementary report of the technical officers, and the proposed Terms of Reference as a whole, having been favourably considered by the National Advisory Committee, St. Lawrence Waterway, the Minister recommends that they be now approved and adopted.

The Committee concur in the foregoing, and on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs advise that Your Excellency may be pleased to request His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to inform the United States Government that the Government of Canada has approved the supplementary report of the technical officers, and the instructions as a whole as revised, subject to the following understanding: That the words "by either Canada or the United States" as appearing in Section 6 (a), mean the Federal authority in each case, and, furthermore, that the consideration by the engineers of the effect of the diversion of water at Chicago on the St. Lawrence project is not to be taken as admitting that any license to take water from the St. Lawrence basin which may be granted by the Government of the United States is binding upon Canada, whatever may be its validity under the domestic law of the United States; that, subject to these observations, the Government of Canada is prepared, upon formal acquiescence by the Government of the United States, to issue to the Canadian section of the enlarged