

Whole question is one in which Ontario vitally interested. The letter ends: "I should be glad to discuss the question with you or to arrange for a discussion by technical officers with the Hydro Electric Commission. In the meantime I should like to have an indication of your views to enable me to reply to the enquiries from the United States. In view of our discussions with the United States, I have marked this letter confidential."

January 14, 1937 - Conference in Ottawa between Canadian Government officials and Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission representatives.

The following is a memorandum concerning this conference prepared by Mr. J.T. Johnston at the time:

"January 14, 1937 (Thursday) 4.00 P.M. (Ottawa)

Conference in Office of Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Present: Honourable Arthur W. Roebuck, Attorney-General of the Province of Ontario, Dr. T.H. Hogg, Chief Hydraulic Engineer, Hydro Electric Power Commission, Dr. Skelton, J.T. Johnston.

Consideration of Mr. Roebuck's suggestion that Hydro Electric Power Commission proceed the forthcoming spring with the Ogoki diversion with or without a treaty agreement with the United States. Statement by Dr. Skelton re St. Lawrence Treaty and Niagara Convention in conjunction with recent approaches from United States (December 5, 1936) and communication forwarded January 8th by Prime Minister to Mr. Hepburn.

Discussion as to advantages to Ontario in supporting Niagara Convention and St. Lawrence Treaty with a view to securing early ratification of both by the United States - based upon a new agreement between Ontario and the Dominion for the absorption by Ontario of the St. Lawrence power, upon some mutually satisfactory arrangement. Niagara Convention power and Ogoki diversion power available as soon as the Convention and Treaty ratified by both parties."

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