

To implement the Commission's recommendations, the Department of National Health and Welfare would seek the co-operation of the Ontario authorities, including their participation in the supervisory activities of the international boards of control proposed. These would notify those responsible for contravention of the "Objectives" suggested in the Commission's report.

Originally, his proposals in the matter had been supported by the Ministers of National Health and Welfare, Public Works and Transport, and Cabinet had indicated that it was generally in favour. Recently Mr. Martin had again indicated his support of these proposals although he had asked that they be referred to Cabinet for further discussion and guidance. In the circumstances, he suggested that, if agreeable, Mr. Martin now be informed that Cabinet considered it desirable to approve these proposals.

An explanatory memorandum was circulated.

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41. The Prime Minister remarked that the federal government might be asked to contribute to remedial measures if it approved the Commission's recommendations but felt that such approval was unavoidable in view of the provisions of the Boundary Waters Treaty.

42. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and agreed that the Minister of National Health and Welfare be informed that, unless he considered it necessary to have the matter discussed further, approval be given to:

(1) the recommendations of the International Joint Commission regarding control of pollution of boundary waters between the St. Mary's River and the Niagara River;

(2) the U.S. suggestion that the two governments simultaneously authorize the Commission to establish and maintain supervision over pollution of boundary waters; and,

(3) the U.S. government being informed of these decisions.

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