Meeting of Canadian Temporary Great Lakes St. Lawrence Basin Committee, December 10-11, 1941

The Canadian Temporary Great Lakes St. Lawrence Basin Committee met at Niagara December 10 and 11, to discuss plans for remedial works above the Falls. Joint meetings with the United States-St. Lawrence Advisory Committee were held in Washington on the 15th and 17th December, and a sub-committee was appointed to bring in recommendations for the design and construction of a submerged weir in the Grass Island Pool.

Arrangements for Protection of Canadian Interests Abroad

Various changes have been made in arrangements for the protection of Canadian interests abroad. Switzerland is now acting as the Protecting Power in all enemy and enemy-occupied countries in which the United States formerly acted for Canada, while the United States continues to assume responsibility for the protection of Canadian interests in non-occupied France and other French territories under the control of the Vichy Government. Switzerland is also acting as Protecting Power in occupied China (excluding Manchuria) and in Thailand. Argentina is acting for Canada in the Japanese Empire and Manchuria.

Text of Telegram received by Canadian Government from United Kingdom Government, December 26, 1941

The following is the text of a telegram dated December 26 which was received by the Canadian Government from the United Kingdom Government:

Now that the heroic defence of Hong Kong has come to an end, His Majesty's Government in Great Britain desires to express to His Majesty's Government in Canada their great admiration of the gallant part played by Canada in its defence and their deep sympathy for Canada on the loss of valuable lives.

The loss of these lives, the suffering of the wounded and the removal from security of the others by capture have not been in vain. Every day that defence has been maintained has been of the utmost value in preventing the enemy from diverting men, ships and equipment to other areas. It will have secured some respite to our Allies. It has moreover demonstrated to the Axis Powers the unyielding determination of the Empire to frustrate their treacherous aggression. The conduct displayed by the defenders stands as a shining example and inspiration to all of us engaged in this deadly struggle.

His Majesty's Government in Great Britain mourn the loss in action of all those men of the Royal Rifles of Canada and of the Winnipeg Grenadiers who so gallantly laid down