

SEAWAY CONSTRUCTION: Outlining the latest steps taken by Canada to expedite construction of the all-Canadian seaway and the joint Canadian-U.S. power development in the International Rapids Section of the river, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Lionel Chevrier, told the Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce on January 22 that "we now look for the final move that will give effect to the President's undertaking, that is, the authorizing of an entity to develop the United States share of the power."

Mr. Chevrier reminded his American listeners that the all-Canadian seaway plan "was first broached to the United States by Canada on September 28, 1951" when the President undertook to give the Canadian proposal "his full support if Congress failed to give early approval to the 1941 agreement." In keeping with this undertaking the U.S. joined with Canada in the successful request to the International Joint Commission to approve the construction of works for the international power development. He pointed out that the Federal Power Commission has yet to announce its decision on an application made on September 22 by the Power Authority of the State of New York, renewing an earlier application for a licence to develop the U.S. half of the power.

NEW PROPOSALS

Mr. Chevrier pointed out that in the United States a new Congress is sitting and a new executive has taken over. "New proposals for United States participation in the seaway have been made," he said. "All I can say at this time is that, as we have already made clear, we would be glad to explore the possibility anew, providing that this does not delay the development of power under present arrangements and does not cause any serious delay in the completion of the whole waterway."

Steps taken by Canada to expedite the new plan were enumerated by Mr. Chevrier as follows:-

The original proposal contemplated among other things that the entities developing power would either provide works to continue the present 14-foot navigation or make a cash payment in lieu thereof, a matter of something over \$14,000,000. Canada has now agreed to waive this requirement, since new and deeper canals on the Canadian side would make the 14-foot ones unnecessary.

Canada has agreed to contribute \$15,000,000 towards the cost of channel enlargements by the entities developing power, in consideration of the benefit which will accrue to navigation in an all-Canadian seaway.

Canada has removed the Gut Dam, built in 1903 between two islands in the St. Lawrence. Canada had offered to remove the dam as soon as power works were approved. Removal was completed on January 6.

Canada and Ontario together have offered to supply the Aluminum company of America with

power for its Massena plant during the construction period. This was a matter of concern to the Company which draws power from a smaller development on the river and feared interruption of operations.

"These and other things Canada has done," said the Minister, "to show its willingness and its anxiety to get on with the project. I think you will agree that we are doing our utmost."

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CORONATION CONTINGENT: Arrangements for Canada's Coronation contingent were announced on January 19.

The whole contingent will consist of 736 officers and men in uniform. Of these, 400 will be drawn from the active forces in Canada, England, France and Germany. From reserve forces 336 will represent units of Navy, Army and Air Force and will line the streets around Canada House.

General H.D.G. Crerar, CH, CB, DSO, will attend in his capacity as the only Aide-de-Camp General to Her Majesty the Queen.

Navy active and reserve personnel will proceed to England in naval vessels which will take part in the Coronation review at Spithead. There will be 78 active and 45 reserve members of the Navy.

The Army representation will be comprised of 206 Active Force and 201 Reserve Force. Most of the Active Army officers and men coming from Canada will be veterans of Korea, who are also qualified paratroopers.

Another representative group of Army personnel will come from the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany. Four officers of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in full dress uniforms will form part of the Sovereign's escort.

The Air Force contingent will consist of 116 reserve and regular force personnel from Canada and 90 from the active force in England and France.

The selection of all personnel, active and reserve, will be based on all-round service records with preference going to those who have received decorations or have been mentioned in despatches while on overseas service, plus good conduct as well as physical condition and appearance. As far as is possible, selection also will be made to give appropriate representation to the different areas of Canada.

Nursing sisters and representatives of the Women's Services will be included.

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According to the latest statistics on food and beverage industries they include 23.4 per cent of all the industrial establishments in Canada, employ 14.2 per cent of the nation's industrial employees, and are responsible for 21.8 per cent of the total gross value of products manufactured in Canada.