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for its guidance, and in the light of answers given by the Supreme Court of Canada to certain questions submitted to that body. We were not in a position to submit the matter as a concrete case, till, in fact, it became one. Now that it is such Mr. Bennett is refereeing it to the courts for an opinion, which will no doubt substantiate that given by the law officers of the Crown. In returning to the Western provinces their natural resources the Liberal administration was confronted with a situation identically the same. The province of Saskatchewan made certain claims which the law officers of the Crown did not believe could be maintained. These claims were referred to the courts, which subsequently upheld the opinion given by the law officers, but the work of transferring the resources was not held up, without justification, in the interval.

(3) As to the engineering features, which engineers like all professional men, may differ in opinion as between one plan and another, no opinion has been expressed to the effect that the present route is not satisfactory, or that it will not fit profitably into any St. Lawrence Waterways development scheme. At all events, the present government has endorsed all that the previous government had done, by asking parliament itself to approve of the plans, and by having the work continued in accordance with them. In other words,

*How for a canal.*