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INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION

The International Joint Commission met in Ottawa from October 2nd to 4th for its regular semi-annual meeting to receive reports from its technical boards and to consider future action on the various problems the Commission has under investigation and surveillance. (The U.S. Chairman of the IJC is the Honourable Teno Roncalio; the Canadian Chairman, A. D. P. Heeney, Q.C.)

Pembina River Basin

The Commission approved a progress report from its International Pembina River Engineering Board which is studying possible developments of mutual advantage to Manitoba and North Dakota for flood control, irrigation, domestic water supply, water conservation and sanitation. These engineering studies were begun during the past summer and are expected to continue over a period of some two years before final technical conclusions can be presented to the Commission.

Champlain-Richelieu Waterway

In July of this year the Commission was asked by the Canadian and United States Governments to study and report upon the feasibility and economic advantages of improving or developing a waterway from the St. Lawrence River in Canada through Lake Champlain to the Hudson River at Albany, N.Y.

At the meetings just concluded, the Commission officially established an International Champlain Waterway Board to conduct the necessary technical investigations for this purpose. The board was directed to examine expeditiously the economic consequences of such a waterway in the area and its effects in both countries. The board will begin its studies immediately.