

PREAMBLE

The President of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the seas, Emperor of India, in respect of the Dominion of Canada,

Recognizing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin as a great natural resource of the two peoples, offering them enormous advantages in the way of economical transportation and cheap electric power, and

Taking account of the fact that the full advantages to be derived by the two peoples from this resource can only be secured to them through its cooperative development under a comprehensive plan based on full recognition of the mutual interests involved, and

Recognizing that the completion of a deep waterway, not less than twenty-seven feet in depth, for navigation from the interior of the Continent of North America through the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River to the sea with the development of the water power incident thereto, would result in marked and enduring benefits to the agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests of both countries, and

Considering further that the project has been studied and found feasible by the International Joint Commission, the Joint Board of Engineers, and by national advisory boards, and

Recognizing the desirability of effecting a permanent settlement of the questions raised by the diversion of waters from or into the Great Lakes System, and

Recognizing the primary obligation of the Governments of the United States and Canada to preserve and enhance the scenic beauties of the Niagara Falls and River, as recommended by the Special International Niagara Board, and, consistent with that obligation, to provide for the most efficient utilization and equitable apportionment of all water available for the development of hydro-electric power in that area,

Have decided to conclude a treaty for the above-mentioned purposes, and to that end have named as their respective plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America:

His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the seas, Emperor of India, for the Dominion of Canada:

Who, after having communicated to each other their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles: