

and are being, suffered by navigation interests. Fears for future and more extensive damages, by reason of increased diversion, are exceedingly well founded, and justify the demand that some improved method of sewage disposal, which shall not require the abstraction of any considerable quantity of water from Lake Michigan nor the diversion of other outlets of waters which would naturally flow into it, be adopted.

5. That the Dominion of Canada has the right to a voice in the disposition of the waters of Lake Michigan for sanitary purposes in so far as such diversion injuriously affects navigation, because her citizens are accorded, by treaty, the right of free navigation in that lake, and in that no diversion can be made without injuriously affecting her harbours, channels and canals.

6. It having been shewn that the sewage of Chicago can be so treated and disposed of by other means than the present dilution methods, by which great quantities of water are withdrawn from Lake Michigan and discharged through the drainage canal into the Illinois river, it is contended, on behalf of Canada, that the abstraction of water from Lake Michigan shall be limited to such quantity as shall not injuriously affect navigation interests on the Canadian side of the boundary, and, that such limitations shall take effect at the end of such time, as, in your judgment, may be reasonably necessary for the Sanitary District to install, and put into use, the works which may be required for disposing of the sewage by other means than by the dilution method now in use.

7. That, in view of the fact that the Sanitary District claims that permits hitherto issued deal only with the flow through the lower portion of the Chicago river, and that it has the right to take any amount of water, without permission, through the canal, provided it is supplied through other feeders, it is respectfully requested that all permits be only for such limited quantity of water as shall not injuriously affect navigation on the lakes and St. Lawrence river, and be so worded as to state the total quantity which the Sanitary District of Chicago may be permitted to withdraw for domestic and sanitary purposes from the drainage basin of Lake Michigan.