

Canada-United States

The recent developments in the Canada-United States situation are as follows:-

On December 5, 1936, a delegation from Washington visited Ottawa, authorized to discuss orally with the Prime Minister and responsible Dominion officials, certain suggestions with respect to making progress upon the Niagara and St. Lawrence Treaty problem. The United States delegation included Mr. J. Hickerson of the State Department in Washington, Mr. Basil Manly, Vice-Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, Mr. Frank P. Walsh and Mr. Leland Olds, Chairman and Executive Secretary, respectively, of the New York State Power Authority.

The conference with the Prime Minister was followed by a conference between the visiting delegates and the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and technical officers of the Canadian Government at which the proposals were orally presented.

Briefly the representations of the visiting delegation were to the effect that the United States federal administration were definitely interested in the development of the opportunities of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes system for transportation and power. They believed that the whole system should be considered as a unit, and plans made by the Governments concerned for the co-ordinated and orderly development of its transport and power possibilities. They recognized that it might not be possible to put in hand all the developments simultaneously but considered that a general plan should be kept in view of which the several parts could be put into effect as opportunity permitted. It was further quite clear that they were more interested in the St. Lawrence than in the