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Meanwhile informal negotiations had been going on looking to the creation of a new commission with enlarged powers for dealing with all international questions of water rights on the frontier between the United States and Canada. These negotiations finally resulted in the treaty of January 11, 1909, establishing the present International Joint Commission, which is clothed with authority to deal not merely with boundary waters, but also with 'all questions which are now pending between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, involving the rights, obligations or interests of either in relation to the other or to the inhabitants of the other, along their common frontier, and to make provision for the adjustment and settlement of all such questions as may hereafter arise.' This treaty was approved by the parliament of Canada on May 19, 1911 (1-2 Geo. v, cap. 28). Articles VII and X respectively provide that :

Article VII

The High Contracting Parties agree to establish and maintain an International Joint Commission of the United States and Canada composed of six Commissioners, three on the part of the United States appointed by the President thereof, and three on the part of the United Kingdom appointed by His Majesty on the recommendation of the Governor in Council of the Dominion of Canada.

Article X

Any questions or matters of difference arising between the High Contracting Parties involving the rights, obligations, or interests of the United States or of the Dominion of Canada, either in relation to each other or to their respective inhabitants, may be referred for decision to the International Joint Commission by the consent of the two Parties, it being understood that on the part of the United States any such action will be by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and on the part of His Majesty's Government with the consent of the Governor-General in Council. In each case so referred, the said Commission is authorized to examine into and report upon the facts and circumstances of the particular ques-