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Following is the text of a joint announcement issued on the conclusion of the Canada-United States intergovernmental talks on the St. Lawrence Seaway held in Ottawa, August 12 and 13, 1954:

Discussions between representatives of Canada and the United States on the St. Lawrence Seaway were held in Ottawa on August 12 and 13. The United States representatives were headed by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Robert B. Anderson. Canada was represented by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and Defence Production, Mr. C. D. Howe, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, and the Minister of Transport, Mr. G. C. Marler.

The representatives of the two countries explored possible modifications of the existing arrangements for the development of the Seaway as embodied in the Exchange of Notes of June 30, 1952. The various factors involved were examined in a friendly and constructive manner and proposals put forward by the representatives of both countries are being referred to the Canadian and United States governments for consideration.

The next stage is expected to be an Exchange of Notes modifying the arrangements made in the Notes of June 30, 1952. The working out of these arrangements will not delay the beginning of construction work, as the engineering preparations are going forward. It is now expected that construction will be completed by the end of 1958.

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