

International Joint Commission; pollution
of boundary waters

1. The Minister of National Health and Welfare referred to discussion at the meeting of October 5th, 1951, at which he was unable to be present, about control of pollution in boundary waters between the St. Mary's River and the Niagara River. He agreed it was essential to approve the recommendations of the International Joint Commission in the matter and believed that industry would carry out its share of the required remedial measures. He thought, however, that it should be recognized from the outset that when, in due course, the Ontario health authorities pressed the municipalities in the areas of the Detroit and St. Clair rivers to undertake remedial measures, it would be found that these municipalities could not assume all the costs involved and would request assistance.

2. The Prime Minister remarked that a time might come when the federal government would feel it desirable to make some contribution, with the Ontario government, to such remedial measures.

3. The Cabinet, after further discussion, noted:

(a) the concurrence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare in the decisions taken at the meeting of October 5th, 1951, on control of pollution in boundary waters between the St. Mary's River and the Niagara River; and,

(b) that municipalities in the areas of the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers might in due course ask for financial assistance to enable them to carry out the remedial measures for which they would be responsible.

War claims against Italy; release of Italian assets;
agreement

4. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, referring to the discussion at the meeting of May 2nd, 1950, recalled that Cabinet had agreed that negotiations be undertaken to effect the best possible lump-sum settlement for the satisfaction of war claims against Italy and the release of Italian assets in Canada. During his recent stay in Ottawa,

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