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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Governments of Canada and the United States have notified the International Joint Commission that they have approved the Commission's recommendations for remedial works necessary to preserve and enhance the scenic beauty of the Niagara Falls and River. Notification was sent to the International Joint Commission yesterday.

The recommendations were submitted to the two governments on May 12 of this year in response to a Reference submitted to the Commission on October 10, 1950, pursuant to Article II of the Niagara Treaty of that year. The two Governments have now requested the Commission to supervise the construction of the remedial works which, in accordance with the terms of the Niagara River Treaty of 1950, must be completed within four years.

The remedial works recommended by the Commission comprise a control structure extending 1550 feet from the Canadian bank of the river about a mile above the Falls, together with excavation and fill on both flanks of the Horseshoe Falls. The total cost of these works is estimated at approximately \$17½ millions, which will be divided equally between Canada and the United States. The Canadian share of the cost will be borne by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario on behalf of the Government of Ontario, which under an agreement with the Government of Canada, dated March 27, 1950, will develop the Canadian share of the increased power available at Niagara Falls under the Niagara River Treaty of 1950, and will assume the responsibility for the Canadian share of the remedial works required by the Treaty.

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