

so as to ensure at all seasons unbroken crest-lines on both the Canadian and the American Falls and an enhancement of their present scenic beauty.

The most outstanding effect of this provision will be the re-clothing with a substantial flow of water of the two flanks of the Horseshoe Falls which have been so long denuded. Exposed shoals will be removed and a better distribution of water secured throughout the rapids and over both falls. The brilliant green colour of the Horseshoe Falls, which forms such an outstanding scenic feature, will be completely preserved and the entire scenic values of the spectacle as a whole greatly enhanced.

Article 2 provides that concurrently with the construction and tests of the remedial works and as a temporary and experimental measure, there will be permitted diversions of waters of the Niagara River additional to the amount specified in Article 5 of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, to the extent of 10,000 cubic feet of water per second on each side of the river. These additional diversions shall only be allowed during the winter or non-tourist season, beginning on the first day of October and ending on the thirty-first day of March of the following year. This provision for diversion shall terminate seven years from the date of the initial additional diversion authorized.

The Protocol accompanying the Convention provides the machinery for giving effect to its provisions. In this Protocol the practical co-operation of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission is manifested.

The Protocol provides that the construction of the remedial works authorized in Article 1 of the Convention, the provision for the cost and for the control thereof, as well as the control of the diversions of water authorized in Article 2 of the Convention, shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Special International Niagara Board as set forth in its report dated the 3rd May, 1928.

This report recommends for acceptance by the two Governments, under stringent conditions, the joint proposal made by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Niagara Falls Power Company of Niagara Falls, New York, offering to construct the remedial works at their own cost, conditioned upon their being permitted to utilize in their existing power stations the 10,000 cubic feet per second additional water which it is intended should be withdrawn from each side of the river during the winter season for the purposes of testing the effectiveness of the remedial structures to redistribute the water

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and so enhance the scenic values, and also of determining their value to offset the effect of additional withdrawals. It might be added that the existing water passages of the power plants on both sides of the river afford the only means by which actual experimental withdrawals from the river can be effected.

The Special International Niagara Board recommended the acceptance of the joint proposal, subject to the two Governments retaining complete supervision through the International Niagara Board of Control (appointed by the two Governments in 1923) over the design, the construction and the sequence of construction of the remedial works, and exercising, further, complete supervision and control over the additional water permitted to be diverted, and subject furthermore to the Special Niagara Board passing upon all scenic effects resultant from the construction of the remedial works.

The joint proposal of the Commission and the Company, together with the Special Niagara Board's report embodying recommendations with respect thereto, are embodied in and made a part of the Protocol.

On the Special International Niagara Board Canada was ably represented by Mr. J. T. Johnston, Director of the Dominion Water Power and Reclamation Service of the Department of the Interior, and by Mr. Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines.

Hon. J. A. CALDER: Honourable gentlemen, late this morning our honourable leader on this side of the House (Hon. Mr. Willoughby) asked me if I would be good enough to say a word or two in reference to this motion. I am sure we can all understand that since his very recent selection as leader of this side of the House he has been exceedingly busy. Apart from handing me his brief, which consisted of two official documents, he left me to say what I pleased.

This afternoon I have had an opportunity of reading the document which has just been read by the honourable leader of the Government in this Chamber. That was prepared by the Minister of the Interior, and was released from the Department on the 2nd of January last. In addition to that I have examined the Convention and Protocol as carefully as I could in the time at my disposal.

The honourable leader of the Government in reading that document has placed before us, I think very fairly and very clearly, the main purposes of the Convention—which, if ratified, I presume, becomes a Treaty—to improve the scenic beauty of Niagara Falls. I do not intend to traverse the whole document, because I think that all that is neces-