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No. 39.

From His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the Governor General Telegram.

No. 29.

WASHINGTON, March 14, 1924.

Your despatch No. 32.¹ United States Government agrees to release of text of their note February 27th and your reply as contained in my note No. 228, March 12th (See my despatch No. 103²) to-night, for publication to-morrow, March 15th.

HOWARD.

No. 40.

From the Governor General to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington Telegram.

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OTTAWA, March 17, 1924.

The question of the diversion of water from the St. Lawrence watershed into that of the Mississippi by the Sanitary District of Chicago is still causing great concern in Canada, particularly in view of the bill on the subject which has been introduced into Congress, and my Ministers desire that the Government of the United States be informed of their hope that no action will be taken either to confirm or permit the extension of the claims of the Sanitary District to continue any diversion and thus adversely affect important interests in the navigation of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River and the development of power, actual or prospective, upon the river or upon inter-lake connecting waters.

The position of the Government of Canada in opposition to and in protest against the injurious effects of this diversion has been consistently maintained, and is still held, and my Ministers venture to suggest that it would be unfortunate if, now that the development of the St. Lawrence waterway for navigation and power purposes is under consideration, any action should be taken which might adversely affect the possibility of such development. They sincerely trust that this view will commend itself to the Government of the United States.

BYNG.

No. 41.

From His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the Governor General No. 111.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, March 18, 1924.

My LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 39 of the 13th instant,¹ and in accordance with the request contained therein, to transmit to Your Excellency herewith copy of a note which Mr. Chilton addressed to the United States Gov-

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ernment on December 29th last on the subject of the diversion of water from Lake Michigan by the Sanitary District of Chicago, together with a copy of the reply which was received from the United States Government to this communication.

I have, etc.,

(For the Ambassador)

JOHN CECIL.

His Excellency

The LORD BYNG OF VIMY, G.C.B.,

etc., etc., etc.,
Governor General of Canada,
Ottawa, Canada.

¹ No. 38.

ENCLOSURE 1 IN No. 41

From the United States Department of State to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, January 21, 1924.

EXCELLENCY,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Embassy's Note No. 1111, of December 29, 1923, regarding the diversion of water from Lake Michigan by the Sanitary District of Chicago.

A copy of the note has been referred to the proper authorities to ascertain the status of the legal proceedings pending against the Sanitary District of Chicago and a further communication in regard to the matter will be addressed to you upon receipt of their reply.

Accept, etc.,

For the Secretary of State:

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

SIR AUCLAND GEDDES, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Ambassador of Great Britain.

ENCLOSURE 2 IN No. 41

From His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington to the United States Secretary of State

No. 1111.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, December 29, 1923.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn by the Government of Canada to the fact that about the month of June last the Government of the United States were granted an injunction restraining the Sanitary District of Chicago from diverting water from Lake Michigan, but that this injunction would not take effect for a period of six months in order to allow time for the Sanitary District of Chicago to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. I understand that such an appeal has been lodged but that the Supreme Court has not yet acted upon it.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada have received numerous communications from various bodies and interests directly concerned with this question, protesting against this diversion of water from Lake Michigan and I would further explain that, owing to the injurious effect of such diversion both upon navigation and water

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