

THE ST. LAWRENCE WATER LEVELS—
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Devlin, E. B. (Wright)—6530.

Have forgotten Ottawa river which is real connecting link between upper lakes and St. Lawrence, 6530. Improvement of Ottawa river is a matter which should seriously engage attention of Prime Minister, 6531.

German, W. M. (Welland)—6525.

Government should take steps by a commission or engineers, to ascertain best and most practicable means for securing deep water channel from foot of Lake Ontario to Montreal, 6525. By building dams and locks in river will not only make a thirty-foot waterway available to Montreal but give opportunity to developing of enormous hydro-electric power, 6526.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—6534.

Difficulties of question are not new. In investigating water level east of Montreal investigations should not be confined only to that locality, 6534. Fullest investigation should be taken before allowing any one to undertake work. Some ports of Ontario need cheap power badly, 6536. Neither former nor this government has been convinced that there should be a dam across St. Lawrence at Long Sault, 6537.

Hazen, Hon. J. D. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—6513.

No one will dissent from statement made. Importance of that has been recognized for years resulting in large expenditures for improving channel, etc., 6513. In future may be necessary to deepen channel to greater extent, and question arises, we must provide some compensating works for purpose of holding back the water at different points. Asked gentlemen to undertake work thoroughly and make a report to be of service in work for future, 6514. Mr. Haskel made report to Council on, 6515-16. Do not agree that it would be desirable to appoint a commission to investigate whole question of level of water on St. Lawrence and great lakes. Work of dredging St. Lawrence cannot stop for a single season, 6521. Level of water in lakes varies. Question of diversion of water by Sanitary Commission of Chicago, 6522.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir W. (Quebec East)—6527.

Commission spoken of was appointed by late government, 6527. There is no subject of which so little is known as the rise of rivers at certain seasons. Very important to study the subject, 6528.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—6524.

Wish to say a good word for our port, and to state that notwithstanding the spasmodic lowering of water levels, Montreal still remains the leader of our Canadian ports, 6524. Quite agree this commission is needed, 6525.

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Martin, M. (St. Mary's, Montreal)—6523.

Island of St. Helen's example, few years ago could reach it by boat, to-day at certain times of year can cross on foot. Only means is when we have a thirty-five foot channel, will be to deepen a basin to thirty-five or forty feet, 6523.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—6518.

Waters above Montreal as well waters below should be dealt with as one question. Above city of Montreal we have in St. Lawrence system with great lakes millions of cubic feet of water which in flood season are going to waste, 6518. Have to study situation on upper waters as well. One greatest evil in water supply is Livingstone channel, 6519. Should be a complete investigation of system with a view to conserving the whole waterway, 6520.

Rogers, Hon. R. (Minister of Public Works)—6526.

Commission appointed is only a temporary one, 6526. Agree that this is an important undertaking and we should obtain services of best men for it, 6527.

Turriff, J. G. (Assiniboia)—6537.

Hope Prime Minister will make definite statement regarding this matter, 6537. Understand that large amount of horsepower could be developed but we could only use a fraction of it, 6538.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTE—ICE CONDITIONS.

Hazen, Hon. J. D. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—6505.

Presume announcement by Marine Department for reporting the location and movements of ice along route of trans-Atlantic steamships during spring months. The Scotia was despatched for this purpose. In this way shipping interests at all St. Lawrence and Atlantic ports are kept informed, 6506. Will ascertain whether it is advisable or not, 6507.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—6505.

Asks for statement about ice patrol in St. Lawrence, 6505. Suggest extending Marconi system to Bird's Rock which is first point sighted by incoming ships, 6507.

TIMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY SUBSIDY.

House in committee on following resolution:
Resolved, that it is expedient to provide as follows:

1. That the Governor in Council may grant to the government of the province of Ontario, in consideration of its having constructed in each of the undermentioned lines of railway (not exceeding in any case the number of miles hereinafter re-