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officers appointed by that Government in order that the officers for the two Governments may make arrangements with as little delay as possible to collaborate in the drafting of the instructions for the joint engineering Board. This Government would also be pleased to be informed in due course of the names of the Canadian members of the Joint Engineering Board.

Accept, etc.,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

His Excellency,  
The Right Honourable  
SIR ESME HOWARD, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O.,  
Ambassador of Great Britain.

No. 52.

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

No. 46.

WASHINGTON, May 5, 1924.

My despatch No. 167 of the 29th April.<sup>1</sup> I shall be glad to receive an early reply to the second paragraph.

HOWARD.

(St. Lawrence River Scheme).

<sup>1</sup> No. 51.

No. 53.

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

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OTTAWA, May 6, 1924.

Your despatch No. 167, April 29.<sup>1</sup> St. Lawrence River, Canadian Government hope within next few days to communicate to United States Government names of proposed Canadian representatives on enlarged Joint Engineering Board as well as proposed personnel of Canadian National Committee and unless there are very strong reasons why United States Government would prefer to have Mr. Hughes' note of April 28th<sup>2</sup> made public at once Canadian Government would like to have publication thereof withheld until choice of Canadian representatives on enlarged Joint Engineering Board and Canadian National Committee has been completed.

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<sup>1</sup> No. 51.

<sup>2</sup> Enclosure in No. 51.

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No. 54.

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

59A.

OTTAWA, May 7, 1924.

With reference to your despatch No. 167 of the 29th April.<sup>1</sup> St. Lawrence River. The Government of Canada has selected as its representatives on the Board—Duncan W. McLachlan, B.Sc., Ottawa; Olivier Odilon Lefebvre, Chief Engineer, of the Quebec Streams Commission, Montreal, P.Q.; and Brigadier-General Charles Hamilton Mitchell, C.B., C.M.G., B.A.Sc., C.E., of Toronto; and of them the two last mentioned will act as technical officers on its behalf to settle the terms of reference.

Canadian Government entirely concurs with the Government of the United States that it should be understood that the instructions drafted by the technical officers will be subject to approval by the respective Governments before being given to the Board, and these instructions will be submitted by the technical officers for Canada to the Canadian National Advisory Committee which has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Honourable George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, and which includes among its members the Honourable Walter Edward Foster, of St. John, N.B., the Honourable Sir Clifford Sifton, K.C.M.G., K.C., of Toronto, Ontario; Dr. Wilfrid Laurier McDougald, of Montreal, P.Q.; Major-General John William Stewart, C.B., C.M.G., of Vancouver, B.C.; the Honourable Adelard Turgeon, C.M.G., C.V.O., of Quebec, P.Q.; and Messrs. Thomas Ahearn, of Ottawa; Beaudry Leman, B.Sc., C.E., of Montreal, P.Q., and Edward D. Martin, of Winnipeg, Man.

The Canadian Government suggests that the unpublished despatches should be released for publication in the afternoon papers of Friday, May 9th.

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<sup>1</sup> No. 51.

No. 55.

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CERTIFIED copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 7th May, 1924.

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, advise that Duncan W. McLachlan, B.Sc., of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa; Olivier Odilon Lefebvre, Chief Engineer, Quebec Streams Commission, of Montreal, and Brig.-General Charles Hamilton Mitchell, C.B., C.M.G., B.A.Sc., C.E., of Toronto, be appointed to act with three engineers nominated by the Government of the United States of America as a Joint Board of Engineers to examine further into such matters relating to the improvement of the St. Lawrence Waterway as may be referred to such Board by agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States, and to report upon the matters referred to the Board within such time as may be limited by the specific instructions agreed on as aforesaid.

The Committee, on the same recommendation, further advise that the two engineers last above named be appointed to consult with two technical officers selected by the Government of the United States as to the subjects of investigation which should be specifically referred to the Board, and to submit their recommendations as to the form and contents of such specific instructions.

All of which is respectfully submitted for Your Excellency's approval.

E. J. LEMAIRE,  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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