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*From the Dominion Marine Association to External Affairs*

DOMINION MARINE ASSOCIATION

KINGSTON, Ont., September 26, 1923.

SIR JOSEPH POPE, K.C.M.G.,  
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

SIR,—I am directed to inquire on behalf of the Dominion Marine Association what action, if any, is being taken by way of active protest against the diversion of water from the Great Lakes at Chicago. The Association has been deeply interested in the question since 1912 when it was represented at the hearing by the Secretary of War at Washington, on which occasion the limitation of 4167 c.f.s. was maintained, and on repeated occasions since then it has urged the Dominion Government by letters and representations made to the Prime Minister for the time being, and to various departments, the need of intervention to maintain for Canada the water levels essential for safe navigation. The difficulties heretofore experienced are accentuated by conditions prevailing at the present time as the loss of an inch of available draft of water results in the corresponding loss of carrying capacity measured in tons of freight. Canadian vessel owners, and in fact all transportation interests in the country, are deeply concerned.

Recently the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago waited upon the Executive Committee of this Association to outline their proposals for establishing compensating works in consideration of being allowed to withdraw 10,000 c.f.s. The Association has not seen any plans and is greatly in doubt as to the possibility of applying remedies satisfactorily in the manner proposed even without increasing the amount of water withdrawn. It has made inquiry again in certain quarters and it has been informed that your Department would be able to give advice.

I would, therefore, ask you to be so good as to let me know for the benefit of the Association what attitude is being taken by the Dominion in the matter and whether the subject is receiving the consideration which its importance appears to demand. I shall be glad to be favoured with an early reply.

I have, etc.,

FRANCIS KING

## No. 176.

*From the International Joint Commission to External Affairs*

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.

OTTAWA, Canada, October 3, 1923

SIR,—In the matter of the measurement and apportionment of the waters of the St. Mary and Milk Rivers and their tributaries in the State of Montana and the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, under

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