

I may take this opportunity to refer to the offer of airplanes which was made at the same conference. Arrangements have been completed to take over from your Government two Stinson hydroplanes for the duration of the war, together with their pilots and personnel. These are a material contribution to Canada's war effort and the action of the Government of Ontario in making them available is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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*From The Premier of Ontario,
To The Prime Minister of Canada.*

TORONTO, October 28, 1939.

MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 17th dealing with the recent conference between us, attended by our colleagues, in relation to additional sources of hydro-electric power to meet the additional demands created by the war. For convenience, my comments are given under the headings which you used in your letter.

Trent Canal.—The basis which you outline for the use of the waters of the Trent Canal should be quite satisfactory. Engineers of the Commission are now considering questions of procedure and, as you say, conferences with the officials of the Department of Transport are expected to take place shortly.

Welland Canal.—It is to be hoped that any obstacles now in the way of making available an additional 270 c.f.s. of water (or more if practicable) from the Welland Canal for use at the Commission's DeCew Falls plant will shortly be removed. I also hope that the Department of Transport will shortly complete the studies which it has undertaken to make to determine the maximum quantity of water that can safely be taken through the Welland Canal for use at the Commission's DeCew Falls plant at such time as it may be permissible and practicable to use that maximum quantity of water.

The Commission is already enjoying an emergency supply of power from the Department of Transport's Welland Canal plant. The Department's willingness to make this emergency supply available has been very helpful.