

to the Atlantic seaboard and the American West to the Port of New York. It joins the wheat fields of Western Canada to the United Kingdom market.

When one realizes that more yearly tonnage passes through one of the bottlenecks in the Upper Lakes Region namely, the locks at Sault Ste. Marie, than through the Panama, Suez, Manchester and Kiel Canals put together, this gives some idea of the tonnage that is likely to come through when the development is completed. The building of the Panama Canal through the Isthmus of Panama, the construction of the Suez canal linking the Mediterranean with the Red Sea, were logical projects. They were the inevitable and the right thing to do, no matter at what cost. Once the proposal to construct the Deep Waterway in the St. Lawrence River to link the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean, the verdict will be the same.

The prosperity of Canada is to a very large extent dependent upon industrial production, and the latter is impossible without power. Hence, the benefits of this great Waterway project to both Canada and the United States are incalculable.

The friendly relations existing between Canada and the United States for well over a century have been greatly enhanced by two world wars. These wars and particularly the last one have brought us together more than ever before. They have shown that on many problems not only do we think alike but frequently we act together. Such was the case of Ogdensburg, of the Joint Permanent Defence Board, of Hyde Park, of the Alaska Highway, of the Northwest Passage and perhaps more particularly in the air by means of our trans-border services. Our governments think alike on the development of the St. Lawrence Waterway. I believe the vast majority of our people think alike, but we must translate this thinking into action. We must act together upon it so that, to use the words of a great British statesman, in the days to come the Canadian and the American peoples will, for their own safety and the good of all, walk together in majesty, in justice, and in peace.

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