

Canadian technical officers took the position that the question is not an appropriate subject for consideration by the Joint Board of Engineers at the present time, especially in view of the other complex questions which the Board will have to consider, and the technical officers for the United States acquiesced in the exclusion of it on condition that the adoption of this course was without prejudice to its future consideration.

This Government gives its approval to the report as amended on the understanding reserved by its technical officers that consideration at a future time of the unequal diversions of water of Niagara as bearing on the diversion from Lake Michigan is in no wise prejudiced by the omission of the question from those which it is at this time proposed to refer to the Joint Board of Engineers.

If the recommendations of the technical officers as revised and the understanding stated with reference to the diversions near Niagara are acceptable to the Government of Canada, this Government, on receiving information to that effect, and that the Canadian Government is prepared to issue instructions in accordance with the recommendations to the Canadian members of the Joint Board of Engineers, will be pleased to issue similar instructions to the American members of the Board.

I shall be grateful if you will cause the foregoing to be communicated to the Canadian authorities and will inform me in due course of their views.

Accept etc.

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*Le Gouverneur général à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*  
*Governor General to Ambassador in United States*

DESPATCH 12

Ottawa, January 29, 1925

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No. 480 of the 30th December, notifying the terms on which the United States Government had given its approval of the Report of the Joint Board of Engineers of the 20th June, 1924, as amended by their Supplementary Report of the 4th December 1924, I have the honour to transmit, herewith for communication to the Government of the United States, a copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council for Canada explaining the conditions upon which the Government of Canada has approved the supplementary report of the technical officers and the instructions as a whole as revised.

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