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Introduces Ogoki diversion project as "a matter closely related to this question of erosion and conservation of the waters of the cataract". Refers to serious results of existing low water levels in the lakes and Niagara.

Encloses memorandum by Mr. T.H. Hogg of January 9, 1935, discussing diplomatic steps necessary to carry out Ogoki project.

States that Mr. King's Government favoured the Ogoki diversion and took the necessary steps to secure U.S. consent to the Hydro using this water at Niagara, and asks whether Mr. King's present administration takes the same view. (Note: Presumably this is a confused allusion to the 1925 correspondence plus Article VIII of the unratified 1932 St. Lawrence Treaty).

Asks what steps the Federal Government is prepared to take to secure U.S. Government assent to the immediate prosecution of the Ogoki diversion project.

February 20, 1936 - Under Secretary of State for External Affairs to Chairman of Hydro Electric Power Commission (Mr. Lyon)

(Note: The file copy is dated Feb. 15, but apparently the letter as sent was dated as above: see letter of February 27, 1936 to Mr. J.T. Johnston).

Deals with the questions raised by Mr. Lyon's letters of November 16 and December 27, 1935.

In reviewing the background, recalls the Government's adoption in 1925 of the principle that waters diverted from another Canadian watershed into the Great Lakes system are to be considered Canadian; agrees with T.H. Hogg that to secure exclusive use of Ogoki diversion a treaty with U.S. would be essential, the alternative

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