

A publication regarding correspondence and documents relating to the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway treaty, 1932, and Ogoki river and Kenogami (Long Lake) projects, and export of electrical power, was tabled in the House of Commons on February 28, 1938. A supplementary publication was tabled on March 21, 1938. The white paper now tabled includes the correspondence and documents relating to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin development subsequent to those publications and up to the date of the Canada-United States agreement of March 19, 1941. With what is contained in this white paper and the two previous similar papers that have been tabled the house will I believe have before it the essential documents and correspondence relating to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway agreement.

I have in my hand a summary of the outstanding features of the agreement, something in the nature of a historical sketch of the events leading up to the agreement, essential features of the agreement and the like. This has been prepared by officials of the Department of External Affairs and was given out to-day as a release to the press. It might be of some service to hon. members in subsequent discussions in the house if, for purposes of reference, this statement were printed in the *Votes and Proceedings* of to-day. I shall table it for that purpose.

My hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) asked me to place on the table the legal opinion of the law officers of the crown with respect to the position of the agreement as an agreement in contrast with its presentation in the form of a treaty, more particularly with relation to the binding nature of the agreement upon both countries. I now table the correspondence setting forth an opinion from the legal adviser of the Department of External Affairs and from the Deputy Minister of Justice, also an opinion of the legal adviser of the state department, and of the Attorney General of the United States. They relate respectively to the validity of an agreement passed upon the legislative authority of parliament and of congress.

I propose that this correspondence be also printed in *Votes and Proceedings* so that it may be available to hon. members for future reference.

5. *TABLING OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO RUSH-BAGOT AGREEMENT, STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF MINES AND RESOURCES, MARCH 24, 1941.*

At the request of the Prime Minister who is absent to-day, I wish to make the following statement:

1. I am tabling for the information of members of this house and for distribution, the following documents, both in English and in French: