

*Re Dominion*

A question has been raised with respect to the right of the Dominion to permit a diversion of power, and the matter has been so presented as to make it appear that the Company got the right to divert part of the waters of the St. Lawrence into its canal from the Dominion government. Nothing of the kind was the case. The government at Ottawa no more gave the right to divert water, than it gave the right to generate power. The right to divert water was given as the charter was given by the government of Quebec with respect to something that was within its own jurisdiction. The question is one of law, and before approving plans which were based on this diversion the Dominion secured from the law officers of the crown a legal opinion at the right of the province in that particular. The opinion given upheld the position taken by the province.