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the proposed construction of the submerged weir as a temporary expedient, it being provided that the weir should be removed on the termination of the war, or at the end of five years, which ever should last occur. The Commission declined to make a pronouncement regarding the right of the company to divert water from the river.

Pollution of Boundary Waters.—The final report of the Joint Commission upon the reference for examination of the question of the pollution of boundary waters and the means to be taken to remedy or prevent it was completed on the 12th August, 1918, and presented to the two governments. It was found that a serious condition of pollution existed which appeared susceptible of remedy, and it was recommended that jurisdiction and authority should be conferred on the Commission to enforce measures for remedying such pollution. The two governments, accepting this recommendation, have addressed similar requests to the Commission to prepare and submit copies of such a convention or such legislation as was considered necessary to confer upon it or other Government agencies authority to remedy the existing conditions of pollution.

Resignation of Mr. Mignault.—On the 21st October, 1918, Mr. P. B. Mignault, immediately prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, tendered his resignation from the Joint Commission to His Majesty, who was pleased to accept it as from that date.

PASSPORTS.

The heavily increased volume of business in the Passport Office continues to be maintained, and, considering the indications of a very general intention on the part of European Governments to exercise control over immigration, which will be most readily facilitated by the passport system, there does not seem to be any reasonable prospect of an early slackening of this business.

I desire to add an expression of my appreciation of the efficient and zealous manner in which the various members of the staff have discharged their duties.

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH POPE,

Under Secretary of State for External Affairs.

OTTAWA, 30th April, 1919.