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be observed that Mr. Phillips, the Acting Secretary, in his despatch of the 19th October, 1922,² expressed the belief that no further trouble would be experienced from this discharge of wastes.

Under these circumstances my Government would be grateful if you would bring the question anew to the attention of the United States Government.

Yours very truly,

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His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires,
Washington, D.C.

¹ No. 138.
² Enclosure in No. 138.

No. 172.

From His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington to the Governor General

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON,

August 23, 1923.

No. 321.

My Lord,—I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship herewith, copies of the paper mentioned in the subjoined schedule.

I have, etc.

(For H.M.'s Chargé d'Affaires)

H. W. BROOKS.

His Excellency

The Governor General of Canada.

Name and Date	Subject
From Department of State, Washington, August 21, 1923.	Appointment of Major Paul S. Reinecke, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, as United States representative of the Niagara Control Board.

Reference: Ottawa despatch No. 107 of July 16, 1923.¹

¹ No. 159.

ENCLOSURE IN No. 172

From the United States Secretary of State to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON,
August 21, 1923.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 615 of July 25, 1923, informing me that the suggestion contained in my note of February 3, 1923, for the creation of a Niagara Control Board for the purpose of measuring and supervising the diversion of water from

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the Niagara River is agreeable to the Government of the Dominion of Canada and that it has appointed Mr. W. J. Stewart as its representative on the Board.

The information which you communicated was transmitted to the Secretary of War, who has informed me in reply that Major Paul S. Reinecke, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, 540 Federal Building, Buffalo, New York, has been appointed as the representative of the United States on this Board. I should be grateful if you would inform the Canadian Government of the appointment of Major Reinecke.

Accept, etc.,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

Mr. HENRY GETTY CHILTON,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Great Britain.

No. 173.

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The following is a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 27th August, 1923.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 24th July, 1923, from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for External Affairs, stating that an application has been filed with the International Joint Commission by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game for the State of Maine, to grant consent and authority to all dam owners on the St. Croix river, more particularly the owners of the dams of the St. Croix Gas Light Company and Canadian Cottons, to erect and repair such fishways in such dams as may be approved by said Commissioner for the State of Maine and the authorized representative of the Government of Canada.

The Minister observes that the St. Croix river is an international stream separating the Province of New Brunswick in Canada from the State of Maine in the United States of America, and extending inland from tidewater for nearly 100 miles;

That the town of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, is situated at the head of tidal navigation, the river above for many miles consisting of rapids which render navigation impossible but which in their original condition offered no impediment to the passage of fish.

That various power companies, to wit: St. Croix Gas Light Company, Canadian Cottons, several small developments at Milltown, New Brunswick, St. Croix Paper Company at Woodland and Grand Falls, have constructed dams completely across the river, thus preventing the passage of fish to their natural spawning grounds;

That in the spring of 1922 a conference was held at Calais, Maine, between representatives of the State of Maine and the Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada, when the whole project was thoroughly discussed and the sites inspected. The projects with certain modifications were agreed upon;

That by Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 1914, Sections 31 and 71, provision is made for fishways in dams and for the supply of the necessary water. These contrivances have therefore a prior lien on the water supply of the river before power interests can be considered;

That the amount of water required will be very small, probably less than 10 cubic feet per second;

That the proposed fishways will be entirely in the United States, but will be in locations satisfactory to the officials of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for Canada.

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