

*Waterways - St. Lawrence*ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY.Draft of points for consideration.

I. The importance of the St. Lawrence project warrants the most careful consideration by all the Governments interested. A large measure of such consideration has already been given. The Canadian and United States Governments have co-operated in thorough investigation of the engineering and other considerations involved, by the International Joint Commission and the Joint Board of Engineers, and have discussed in published correspondence the possible bases of further action. Each Government has secured a report on the general feasibility of the plan from a National Advisory Committee. The Canadian Government and the Government of Quebec have taken action which will result in a partial development in the national section at Beauharnois, primarily for power but as part of an eventual navigation plan. The Federal Government and the Government of Ontario are now carrying<sup>on</sup> a further joint engineering inquiry as to the best method of development in the international rapids section.

II. The next step is preliminary discussion of the general problem between the Government of Canada and the Governments of Quebec and Ontario as chiefly interested in the power development as well as in other phases. The endeavour to secure from the courts a clear-cut finding as to the respective constitutional rights of the Dominion and the Provinces has failed. Each authority is still convinced of its rights.