

Board, its membership being thus increased to six, three representing the United States and three representing Canada. They regret that, owing to the death on February 3rd last of Mr. W. A. Bowden, the Canadian member of the Board, all the three Canadian representatives will have to be new appointees.

My Ministers note the proposal of the Government of the United States that the national committees to be appointed by it and by them should meet from time to time for the purpose of formulating the terms in which the matters to be enquired into by the enlarged Joint Engineering Board should be defined. Their intention in the constitution of a national committee is that such body should be advisory to the Government of Canada, and they feel that to impose on it, at all events at the outset, the duties suggested would be inconsistent with the purpose which it is intended to serve and would change its character from one primarily national to one of international significance. They consider that the terms of reference can, at least in the first instance, be settled quite adequately and probably more promptly in the mode outlined in my despatch communicated by Mr. Chilton to Secretary of State Hughes on the 30th January last,³ and trust that the Government of the United States will concur in this view. Immediately upon being advised that it does so, they will be ready to appoint a technical officer for this purpose, and have no objection to appointing two, if the Government of the United States considers the appointment of more than one to be desirable.

My Ministers are entirely agreeable to the inclusion in the first instructions to the enlarged Joint Engineering Board of the two fundamental questions referred to in the note under reply, viz: whether the scheme for the improvement of the St. Lawrence Waterway which the Engineering Board presented in its report dated June 24th, 1921, is practicable, and whether the estimates of costs made by it require revision. On their part they would suggest that amongst other matters the Board should be directed to enquire into the extent to which the water levels in the river at and below Montreal, as well as the river and lake levels generally, may be affected.

It is suggested, subject to the concurrence by telegraph of the United States Government, that this correspondence be released on the night of Friday the 14th instant, for publication simultaneously here and at Washington on the morning of Saturday the 15th instant.

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His Excellency

The Right Honourable

SIR ESME HOWARD, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O.,
H.B.M. Ambassador at Washington.

¹ No. 29.

² Enclosure in No. 29.

³ Enclosure in No. 10.

No. 36.

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

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, March 10, 1924.

No. 98.

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 the Ambassador)

H. G. CHILTON.

His Excellency

The Governor General of Canada.

Name and Date	Subject
From Department of State, Washington, March 7th.	Proposed convention for the settlement of certain questions which have arisen between the United States and Canada.
Reference: Washington despatch No. 16 of January 22nd, 1924. ¹	
¹ No. 6.	
ENCLOSURE IN No. 36	
From the United States Secretary of State to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington	
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, March 7, 1924.	
EXCELLENCY,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Embassy's note No. 207 of March 3, 1924, regarding the proposed convention between the United States and Great Britain for the settlement of certain questions between the United States and Canada relating to Lake of the Woods Watershed, in which inquiry is made concerning the present status of the matter.	
I beg to state that since the proposed arrangement will on this side of the boundary affect primarily the State of Minnesota, the Department has taken up the matter with the authorities of that State but has not as yet received a definite indication of their views on the subject.	
As soon as definite advices shall have been received from those authorities I shall be glad to communicate with you further on the subject.	
Accept, etc.,	
CHARLES E. HUGHES.	
His Excellency	
The Right Honourable	
SIR ESME HOWARD, G.C.M.G., K.C.E., C.V.O., Ambassador of Great Britain.	