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LAKE ONTARIO LEVELS REFERENCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, today announced the public release of the International Joint Commission's Report on the Water Levels of Lake Ontario dated April 5, 1961. This question was referred to the Commission for investigation and report by the Governments of Canada and the United States on June 25, 1952 pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. Under this Reference, Canada and the United States asked the Commission to study the various factors affecting the fluctuations of Lake Ontario water levels and to determine whether action could be taken by either or both Governments to bring about a more beneficial range of levels. The investigation was carried out in conjunction with related studies concerning applications for the development of power in the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence River.

The Commission's investigations were organized to evaluate effects of various factors on the levels of Lake Ontario, to determine possibilities for regulation of Lake Ontario so as to reduce the range of water levels, to determine desirable changes in existing works or other measures in the public interest, and

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