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direction of Governor Lowman, carried out by other forces under him.

MR. LOWMAN: You have a few boats; how many boats on Lake Erie?

ADMIRAL BILLARD: We have boats on the lakes.

MR. LOWMAN: How many have you altogether?

ADMIRAL BILLARD: On Lake Erie we have three, seventy-five foot patrol boats, six or eight pickets, and a string of some six or eight Coast Guard stations.

MR. LOWMAN: Entirely inadequate to patrol that whole territory there. Of course if the thing continues we might have to go further with it, and that we would like to avoid if we can.

MR. ROWELL: Have you had any question as to putting additional boats on the Great Lakes or on the River?

MR. LOWMAN: We probably would have to do that if we are going to stop this traffic, if no arrangement is made about it.

MR. JUSTICE WRIGHT: According to the figures that is a source of a good deal of the smuggling, that particular section.

MR. LOWMAN: At Detroit, yes. Of course the narrow river there, and the Admiral does not have anything to do with that; we have a few Customs cutters or small boats in the river, but the Admiral does not cover that, but of course he could; his duties might be extended to that section.

MR. ROWELL: Has the question come up of whether, putting on such vessels, would be in conflict with the Rush-Bagot Treaty?

MR. VALLANCE: I understand Canada does not want too many armed vessels on the Great Lakes, and there has been

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a question of putting the Rush-Bagot agreement into the form of a treaty; but that has not been finally settled yet.

MR. JUSTICE WRIGHT: Are not revenue cutters excepted from that treaty?

MR. VALLANCE: Yes; under our interpretation of it revenue cutters are excepted, but there has been objection that if we keep a large force of cutters on the lakes it is a violation of the treaty--more from newspaper sources in Canada.

MR. JUSTICE WRIGHT: Serious contention?

MR. VALLANCE: It is pretty hard to draw the line between what is a war vessel and what is not; in time of war the coast guard is under the government, and to say they are not naval vessels according to some views is quibbling.

ADMIRAL BILLARD: There is an illustration of that; we sent a 125 foot patrol boat to Lake Superior to look after fishermen in trouble, that being the outstanding duty of the service, to protect life and property at sea; that vessel is there to help Canadian fishermen and anybody else that gets in trouble there. She carries forward a little three inch gun. When we sent that vessel to Canada we took the gun down, stowed it below, and wrote the State Department and probably wrote the British Embassy, and the Lord knows where, to get this little patrol boat up through, following the usual procedure. It just illustrates--

MR. LOWMAN: It went through the Canadian canals.

MR. ROWELL: Who is in charge of the patrol?

MR. LOWMAN: In charge of the Customs patrol at the present time? Mr. Ferguson the Collector of Customs at Detroit is in charge of our border patrol.

MR. ROWELL: I think there are a good many people in Canada who would say--this is not voicing any government

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