

Letter

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From the Prime Minister of Canada

To the Premier of Ontario.

OTTAWA, 22nd February, 1938.

My dear Premier:

I have received your letter of February 14th, 1938, regarding the project to divert the waters of the Kenogami River (via Long Lake) into Lake Superior.

You refer to your Government's request, made through Mr. Nixon in July last, that representations be made to the United States Government looking to the retention for Canada of the benefits of waters so diverted, and you interpret my reply to Mr. Nixon of September 7th, 1937, as a refusal to make such representations.

My letter to Mr. Nixon can bear no such interpretation. The letter expressly showed that it was the result of only a preliminary examination, thus indicating that it was not to be taken as a final reply. It also clearly indicated that its object was to review the main considerations and diplomatic background which had come to the knowledge of the Canadian Government and which appeared to affect the project in question. That the purpose of this review was to facilitate further discussion is plain from the final statement in my letter that the Government would be glad to go into the question further with any representatives who might be named for the purpose.

The Honourable,  
Mitchell F. Hepburn, M.L.A.,  
Premier of Ontario,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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