

one-half being recoverable later by Canada from the United States. This procedure was agreed to by the United States by your note of December 10, 1937. It is acceptable to the Canadian Government that this procedure should be followed with respect to expenditures incurred by the Commission for the proposed remedial works.

6. It would appear desirable that the recommendations of the Commission as set forth in its letter and report of January 11, 1944, and the arrangements proposed for implementing these recommendations should be formally approved by Exchange of Notes between the two Governments.

7. If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States, this note and your reply thereto accepting the proposals shall be regarded as placing on record the agreement of the two governments concerning this matter.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

L. B. PEARSON.

Enclosures

APPENDIX A

Document No. 1

*Letter from the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission
to the Canadian Department of Fisheries*

January 11, 1944.

Sir,

In the Pacific Northwest a particularly valuable species of salmon, known as Sockeye, was once so abundant that in 1913 it produced a pack of almost a quarter of a billion one pound cans which, at present prices, would be worth over forty million dollars. Now, one-eighth of that amount is considered a good pack.

The blasting of rocks during railroad construction in a narrow gorge of the Fraser River known as Hell's Gate Canyon, is charged with causing this huge decline by obstructing passage of the fish to their up-river spawning grounds. It is now believed, however, that great numbers of fish were fatally retarded at this canyon even under natural conditions.

Canada and the United States created this Commission to rehabilitate this once enormous food supply of the two nations—for though the spawning all takes place in Canada, United States fishermen get first chance to catch the fish as they pass through Puget Sound to approach the Fraser River mouth.

After intensive investigation it has been conclusively shown that the terrific rush and surge of water at Hell's Gate Canyon is largely responsible for failure of the salmon run to recover its former magnitude. Furthermore, the Commission finds that construction of so-called fish-ladders at this point will largely eliminate the difficulty. Some lesser obstructions also should be eliminated.

The Treaty requires the Commission to recommend to the two Governments the removal of obstructions. Accordingly the Commission herewith sub-