

PART IV

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC CONCERNING THE
GREAT LAKES-ST LAWRENCE BASIN DEVELOPMENT.**

No. 28

*From The Prime Minister of Canada,
To The Premier of Quebec.*

OTTAWA, October 10, 1940.

My Dear PREMIER,—

I enclose a copy of a memorandum from the United States State Department, setting forth measures which it is proposed to adopt to assist in providing additional water to meet the requirements of the Province of Ontario for hydraulic power.

You will note that the agreement deals specifically with arrangements for the development of additional power at the head of Lake Superior and at Niagara now, and in the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence later.

In connection with the proposed preliminary engineering investigations in the International Rapids Section which are dealt with in the memorandum, it would be our intention to appoint as Canadian members, in addition to a Dominion Government engineer, Dr. T. H. Hogg of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and Dr. Olivier Lefebvre of the Provincial Electricity Board of the Province of Quebec. I should be obliged if you could let me know whether you concur in the appointment of Dr. Lefebvre for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

The Honourable ADELARD GOUBOUT,
Premier of the Province of Quebec,
Quebec.

MEMORANDUM FROM UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT

September 25, 1940

The Government of the United States is aware of the interest of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario in the immediate temporary diversion of additional water at Niagara to take care of its pressing need for more power for the defense load. It has in mind, also, the correlative concern of Ontario with the possibility of including the development of the International Rapids section of the St. Lawrence River in its longer range plans for additional supplies of power.