

a flow of water in the Winnipeg River that will insure steadier power or greater power to Manitoba?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, that is it.

MR. CRERAR: Is that the only reason?

MR. PLAXTON: That is as I understand it.

MR. CRERAR: It is a rather curious thing that Ontario would pay two-fifths of the cost of a dam in order to provide Manitoba with water-power.

MR. PLAXTON: They may derive some benefit themselves.

MR. HUDSON: There are a lot of powers on the English River.

MR. PLAXTON: But it reads the Winnipeg.

MR. HUDSON: And the same thing happens in regard to this Lake of the Woods. You propose to charge that to Manitoba, all except the navigation part. As a matter of fact there are two powers, or three, on the Winnipeg River within Ontario: there is one at Kenora, or Norman, where the Norman Dam is; there is one at a place called White Dog, about which we had a great deal of controversy with a man named Backus; and there is one just at the border, or just east of the border. But those items really do not amount to very much, in this way, that they will be charged up to the power users, that is, to the Winnipeg Electric and the City of Winnipeg, as soon as the amounts are definitely ascertained.

MR. CRERAR: Was not part of this expense -- for instance, at the outlet of the Lake of the Woods -- incurred in carrying out an understanding reached with the United States Government as to a better regulation of the level of the Lake?

MR. HUDSON: Yes. The International Joint Commission made an order, approved of by both the United States and the Canadian Governments, that the level of the Lake of the