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ENCLOSURE 1 IN No. 47

From the Administrator of the Government of the Province of Ontario
to the Secretary of State of Canada

TORONTO, April 23, 1924.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose, for transmission, through the proper channels, to the Government of the United States, copy of a Resolution passed at the Session of the Ontario Legislature recently closed, on the subject of diversion of water from the boundary waters between Canada and the United States at Chicago. Kindly acknowledge receipt of the same, advising what action you have taken.

I have, etc.,

W. MULOCK,
Administrator of the Government
of the Province of Ontario.

The Honourable
The Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ontario.

ENCLOSURE 2 IN No. 47

On April 4th, A.D. 1924.

That Whereas there is and has been for some time past, but without any legal authority for so doing, a diversion and abstraction at Chicago of 10,000 cubic feet per second flow of waters out of the boundary waters between Canada and the United States, commonly known as the Great Lakes System, and into another watershed into which said waters do not belong;

And Whereas such diversion and abstraction is contrary to the international treaty respecting boundary waters entered into between Canada and the United States, and the Canadian Government has been protesting and is protesting against such diversion for some time past to the Government of the United States;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario, which is bounded on the south by the Great Lakes System, is vitally affected by any diversion from the said lakes of any body of water, both because of its effect on navigation in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River, and also because of the hydro-electric energy that could be developed from such water, viz., 500,000 horse-power, in the Niagara and the St. Lawrence Rivers; Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Legislature of the Province of Ontario in Session assembled respectfully urge upon the Government of the Dominion of Canada to use every means within its power with the United States of America to restrain the City of Chicago from such illegal and improper diversion of water from the international waters in which Canada and particularly the Province of Ontario are so vitally interested.

And this Legislature also recommends that the Government of Canada should request the Government of the United States to take and exercise control of the works which permit of any diversion at Chicago instead of allowing same to be under the jurisdiction of one interested party only.

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No. 48.

From the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Minister
of the Interior

OTTAWA, April 25, 1924.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit, herewith, for your consideration, copy of a resolution¹ passed at the session of the Ontario Legislature recently closed, on the subject of diversion of water at Chicago from the boundary waters between Canada and the United States.

I have, etc.,

JOSEPH POPE,
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Hon. CHARLES STEWART, M.P.,
The Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa.

¹ Enclosure 2 in No. 47.

No. 49.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General
Canada.

No. 176.

DOWNING STREET, April 26, 1924.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 41 of the 6th of February¹ regarding the Canadian representation on the International Joint Commission constituted under Article 7 of the Boundary Waters Treaty with the United States of the 11th of January, 1909, and to request you to convey to your Ministers an assurance that His Majesty the King will be advised to issue a Commission carrying out the wishes of your Government as to any change in the Canadian personnel of the International Joint Commission.

2. It is not stated in your despatch whether the contemplated change in personnel arises out of a proposed resignation; but it will be understood that if a new Commission is issued, the existing Commission would thereby be cancelled.

I have, etc.,

J. H. THOMAS.

Governor General
His Excellency
General the Right Honourable
LORD BYNG OF VIMY, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O.,
etc., etc., etc.

¹ No. 16.

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