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No. 168.

From the Agent of the Department of External Affairs, Washington, to  
External Affairs

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON, June 19, 1923.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, copies of the  
paper mentioned below.

I have, etc.,

M. M. MAHONEY.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
Ottawa, Canada.

2 copies article from *Washington Post*, June 19, 1923. Chicago Drainage Canal.

ENCLOSURE IN No. 168

Extract from *Washington Post*, June 19, 1923.

U.S. ENJOINS CHICAGO IN USING LAKE WATER

Chicago, June 18 (By A.P.).—The United States Government to-day was granted an injunction against the Sanitary District of Chicago, restraining the district from taking more than 4,167 cubic feet per second from Lake Michigan through the Chicago drainage canal. The injunction will not become effective for six months to allow the district time in which to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The injunction was granted on the motion of Joseph S. Fleming, special Assistant Attorney General, who charged that the district was taking between 8,000 and 10,000 cubic feet per second, for the needs of the district, and thereby lowering the level of the Great Lakes and thus endangering navigation.

No. 169.

From Messrs G. A. P. Brickenden & Company, Barristers, London, to the  
Secretary of State for External Affairs

LONDON, August 7, 1923.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

DEAR SIR,—

Re Pollution of the St. Clair River

On the 24th of August, 1922,<sup>1</sup> we set forth a complaint on behalf of the residents along the St. Clair River, to which you replied by letters of August 25, October 6 and October 27, 1922,<sup>2</sup> and in your last, you stated that the nuisance had been stopped and would no longer be offensive.

We regret to inform you that at the request of Mr. George G. McCormick and others who own property on the Canadian shore, south of Sarnia, the writer visited the Black River to find that the nuisance has

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not abated and there is still a deplorable condition of affairs, which is nothing short of obnoxious filth which is allowed to escape from the various concerns carrying on business at Port Huron.

It would seem that something more could be done by the United States' authorities to prevent the further discharge of this oily waste.

Please do your utmost to bring pressure to bear upon the proper authorities in the United States.

Yours very truly,

G. A. P. BRICKENDEN & CO.,  
PER G. A. P. BRICKENDEN.

<sup>1</sup> Enclosure in No. 132.  
<sup>2</sup> No. 139.

No. 170.

From External Affairs to Messrs G. A. P. Brickenden & Company,  
Barristers, London

OTTAWA, August 8, 1923.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant<sup>1</sup> relative to the pollution of the St. Clair River. I have nothing on my files relative to this subject later than my acknowledgment to you of the 27th October last,<sup>2</sup> but I have to-day addressed a further communication to the Embassy at Washington asking them to bring this question anew to the knowledge of the United States Government and ask that steps may be taken to remedy the nuisance complained of. On hearing from the Embassy I will communicate further with you on the subject.

Yours very truly,

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

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<sup>1</sup> No. 169.  
<sup>2</sup> No. 139.

No. 171.

From the Governor General to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at  
Washington

CANADA

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, August 11, 1923.

No. 114.

SIR,—With reference to Sir Auckland Geddes' despatch No. 278 of the 23rd October last<sup>1</sup> transmitting copy of a report from the Department of State, Washington, D.C., relative to the pollution of the Black and St. Clair Rivers by oil refuse—from the Michigan Department of Health, I have the honour to inform you that complaints have reached my Government to the effect that the nuisance complained of has not abated, and that there is still in the vicinity of Black River a deplorable condition of affairs due to the obnoxious filth which is allowed to escape from the various concerns carrying on business at Port Huron. It will

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