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are calmly considered and the order of approval is carefully read, any feeling of apprehension of impending detriment to the public weal will be dispelled.

There is just another matter which may be mentioned, if only to show that the Commission did not refuse to give it all the attention to which it was entitled. When the Commission met in New York on September 12, to consider its decision on the application, Mr. Frank H. Keefer, K.C., on behalf of the Government of Canada, applied for leave to lay before the Commission an Order in Council of the Canadian Government bearing date September 2, whereby that Government proposed to the Government of the United States to withdraw the whole matter from the purview of the Commission and to make it immediately the subject of diplomatic negotiations between the two Governments. Mr. George W. Koonce, of counsel for the United States, who was present when Mr. Keefer came before the Commission, stated that the view of the latter Government was that the Commission should dispose of the application which was regularly before it. Inasmuch as the Commission can entertain no doubt as to its full jurisdiction, it is obvious that, unless a special agreement had been made under the treaty, and there was no suggestion that any such agreement had been entered into, the duty of the Commission was to pass upon the application. This it has done, but it may be permitted to say that it has given to the Order in Council of the Canadian Government its most serious and respectful consideration.

The order of approval is granted subject to the conditions therein mentioned.

Opinion by Mr. Mignault.