

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRIME MINISTER

GREAT LAKES - ST. LAWRENCE TREATY AND
RELATED INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY PROBLEMS

Ottawa - December 23, 1937.

The United States Minister in his call upon the Prime Minister on November 1, 1937, enquired as to the position of the Canadian Government with respect to the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway Treaty.

OUTSTANDING FACTORS

The following brief is designed to assemble for the ready reference of the Prime Minister, the salient facts having to do with the Treaty and its related projects, and with the recent developments in connection therewith.

The Treaty and Related Projects

As a preliminary and before attempting to deal with details, reference should be made to the four outstanding factors which enter into and are interwoven with the over-all Great Lakes-St. Lawrence problem as now before the Government for consideration. These four factors, with their salient features, are as follows:

(1) The St. Lawrence Deep Waterway Treaty 1932

The St. Lawrence Deep Waterway Treaty was signed at Washington on July 18, 1932. It was approved by the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee with a majority of ten on February 22, 1933. The President in a supporting communication to the Senate dated January 10, 1934, requested the ratification of the Treaty but following debate it was defeated by a vote of 46 to 42 on March 14, 1934.

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