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Reviews action in this sense following Ontario's request of 1925 (i.e., Ferguson - Stewart letters above), viz., the creation of Special International Niagara Board; its investigations and report; the joint offer of Hydro and Niagara Falls Power Co. of N.Y. to build scenic remedial works conditional upon their using certain additional water; the Special Board's further report upon the joint offer; the ensuing Niagara Convention and Protocol of Jan. 2, 1929; approval by Canadian Parliament on May 20, 1929; non-ratification by U.S. Senate; Final Report of Special Board on December 11, 1929.

Concludes that only avenue of successful advance lies along the lines of these previous studies.

Suggests possibility of reconsideration by U.S. of its negative attitude. States Canadian Minister has had matter under attention and discussions with U.S. through appropriate channels will be resumed.

Points out that as southern Ontario must depend on international and interprovincial water sources there must be co-operation between Dominion and Province; and, as Niagara is only one source, it will be desirable, in considering co-operation in that case, to consider also the other projects where co-operation is required, with a view to a co-ordinated, progressive program.

Noting close collaboration maintained in the past with Ontario Government and Hydro, and in view of many important phases not touched in this letter, Mr. Bennett finally offers to instruct Mr. J.T. Johnston to arrange with Mr. Lyon, the Hydro Chairman, for an early conference with the Commission to review all phases and insure complete co-ordination of effort in further action.

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