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No. 11.

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

Telegram

No. 9.

WASHINGTON, February 1, 1924.

With regard to St. Lawrence River improvements referred to in your despatch No. 13,¹ the State Department are anxious to publish my note with statement to the effect that they reserve comment, on Monday, February 4th, if possible. Copy of Note was enclosed in my despatch No. 39 of 30th January.² An urgent reply by telegraph as to whether you agree is requested.

CHILTON.

¹ No. 9.
² No. 10.

No. 12.

From Sir Adam Beck to the Prime Minister of Canada

Telegram.

TORONTO, ONTARIO,

February 2, 1924.

Hon. MACKENZIE KING,
Ottawa, Ont.

I am informed what is known as the McCormick Bill purporting to authorize the construction of a canal and diversion of water from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico has been referred to a special committee for investigation and report. The committee are meeting to hear evidence on Monday, February eleventh. The Commission considers this diversion of water a serious interference with the power projects administered by the Commission on behalf of the municipalities and the Province of Ontario who are vitally interested and have an investment approximately two hundred and fifty million dollars. I hope you will take the necessary action to properly protect and safeguard all interests concerned and greatly oblige.

ADAM BECK.

No. 13.

From the Governor General to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington

Telegram.

14 A.

OTTAWA, February 4, 1924.

Your despatch January 30th, No. 39.¹
Your telegram February 1st.²

St. Lawrence River Improvement Scheme.

Canadian Government concur in proposal to release to press to-day substance of your note of January 30th to the United States Secretary of State provided the United States authorities will inform Canadian Government by telegraph to-day that they have similarly released this communication to press of the United States.

If publication is not practicable to-day, Canadian Government suggest release for to-morrow morning's papers in which case my Government should be so informed this evening by telegraph, so that simultaneous publication may be insured.

My Prime Minister expresses regret at delay in acknowledgment of your telegram of February 1st which had been withheld from him pending receipt of your despatch January 30th received this afternoon.

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¹ No. 10.
² No. 11.

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No. 14.

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

No. 44.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, February 4, 1924.

My LORD,—I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, herewith, copies of the paper mentioned in the subjoined schedule, and to enquire what reply should be returned to this communication.

I have, etc.,

H. G. CHILTON.

His Excellency

The Governor General of Canada.

Name and Date

Subject

From Department of State, Washington, D.C., February 2nd, 1924.

Improvement of the St. Lawrence River for navigation and water power.

Reference: Washington despatch No. 39 of January 30th, 1924.¹¹ No. 10.

ENCLOSURE IN No. 14

From the United States Secretary of State to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, February 2, 1924.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 97 of January 30, 1924, communicating certain proposals made by the Government of Canada concerning joint action by the United States and Canada in regard to the improvement of the St. Lawrence River for navigation and water power.

The proposals made by the Government of Canada will receive the careful consideration of this Government and a further communication in regard to the matter will be made to you in due course.

Accept, etc.,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

Mr. HENRY GETTY CHILTON,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Great Britain.

No. 15.

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

Secret

Telegram.

No. 11.

WASHINGTON, February 5, 1924.

United States Government will publish text of note in Press to-morrow morning, February 6th, referred to in your telegram No. 14A.¹ Publication to-day was impossible as your telegram was received too late.

CHILTON.

¹ No. 13.

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