

## RAISING OF LEVEL OF LAKE ST. FRANCIS

*Exchange of notes at Washington November 10, 1941*

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56 Stat. 1832; Executive Agreement Series 291

*The Canadian Minister to the Secretary of State*

CANADIAN LEGATION

WASHINGTON

*November 10th, 1941*

No. 682

SIR:

I have the honour, on the instructions of my Government, to enquire whether the Government of the United States would agree to a temporary raising of the level of Lake St. Francis during low water periods, for the reasons and in the circumstances hereinafter set out:

1. The Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company has for some years, under the authority of the Parliament and Government of Canada, diverted water from Lake St. Francis for the development of hydro-electric power.

2. In order to conserve the supply of power in the lower St. Lawrence, which is needed to continue the existing export of power for aluminum production at Massena, New York, the Company have asked the Canadian Government for authority to maintain the level of Lake St. Francis at 152.0 during low water periods, subject to the maintenance of the normal regimen of the Lake for levels above that elevation.

3. During these periods the water level of the Lake has fallen to 150.0 and may even fall to a lower level, whereas the mean level of the Lake is 151.7 and the normal high water 154.0. Extreme high water may go to above elevation 155.75.

4. To provide for the maintenance of the Lake level, the Company is presently installing a temporary dam to partially close the existing gap at the head of the Coteau Rapids, and have in contemplation for next season the

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<sup>1</sup> 56 Stat. 1832; EAS 291.

<sup>2</sup> 57 Stat. 1366; EAS 377.

<sup>3</sup> 58 Stat. 1437; EAS 424.