

## LEVEL OF WATERS IN RAINY LAKE WATERSHED

*Convention signed at Ottawa, for the United States and the United Kingdom, September 15, 1938*

*Ratified by the United Kingdom, in respect of Canada, May 19, 1939*

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The United States of America and His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, in respect of Canada,

Desirous of providing for emergency regulation of the level of Rainy Lake and of the level of other boundary waters in the Rainy Lake watershed, in such a way as to protect the interests of the inhabitants of the United States of America and Canada, and,

Accepting as a basis of agreement the following recommendations made by the International Joint Commission in its Final Report dated May 1, 1934, on the Reference concerning Rainy Lake and the boundary waters flowing into and from that lake, and particularly in answer to Question 2 of that Reference, namely,

that it would be wise and in the public interest that the Commission be clothed with power to determine when unusual or extraordinary conditions exist throughout the watershed, whether by reason of high or low water, and that it be empowered to adopt such measures of control as to it may seem proper with respect to existing dams at Kettle Falls and International Falls, as well as any future dams or works, in the event of the Commission determining that such unusual or extraordinary conditions exist.

Have resolved to conclude a convention for that purpose and have accordingly named as their plenipotentiaries:—