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CONTROL BY CANADA OF DEEP WATERWAYS UPHELD BY PREMIER

Ferguson Cites United States' Refusal to Allow Troops Through Sault Canal as Objection to Joint Boards

SERIOUS EFFECTS IF TROUBLE AROSE

Premier Ferguson recalled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon an international episode which he said was reason why Canada should maintain complete control of its deep waterways systems.

His remarks came during the address by F. G. Sandy (Progressive, South Victoria). Mr. Sandy was speaking on the subject of transportation as one of great economic importance to the farmers. He observed that on a shipment of cheese from Belleville to Montreal nine and a half cents a pound had been saved by transportation by water.

Points to Big Saving.

"Think," said he, "of the money that could be saved if the Port of Montreal was moved west to Fort William." He hoped that Premier Ferguson would speak out in favor of such a move.

Mr. Ferguson immediately pointed out "I think I have." He went on to reiterate his stand on deep waterways projects, and the objections to Joint Boards. He believed that "no foreign nation should have any controlling influence in any part sovereignty of Canada."

Then he recalled that at the time of the Riel Rebellion Canada had sought to ship troops through the Sault Canal, which was under a Joint Board. But the United States interests had taken a hand, refused to allow the troops through the canal and ordered them to get out and walk.

Drawbacks in Case of Trouble.

If, said he, there happened in the future to be any trouble between the United States and Japan or any other country, Canadian trade and commerce might be seriously affected, for the United States, controlling part of the canal system, might close that to commerce and use it only for the shipment of troops.