SEATTLE SIGNS ROSS LAKE PACT

After a number of years of negotiation an agreement has been made between Seattle City Light and the Province of British Columbia over the use of Canadian land flooded by the waters backed up by Ross Dam.

In signing the pact the Seattle light department agrees to pay British Columbia $34,566.21 a year on a 99 year lease. The Canadians have given the city permission to raise Ross Lake’s elevation to 1,725 feet and put Ross Lake to a point six miles beyond the border.

The project of raising height of Ross Dam is one for the future, but until that time City Light proposes to add 2½ feet to the top of the spillway gates. This will allow an increase in storage capacity of the lake and furnish about 25,900,000 more kilowatt hours a year.