

## BIG DAM STOPS FLOOD

Opening the floodgates of the St. Maurice River Dam, Quebec, ~~the~~ authorities staved off imminent disaster in the higher reaches of the big river. The sudden melting of mountain snows, on top of drenching spring rains, menaced hundreds of square miles. Yet by opening the dam the engineers sacrificed water much needed for electric power this summer. Action was held up as long as possible.  
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Necessarily at some cost to Quebec the inspiring man-made cataract rescued large areas from sheer calamity.

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1. TITLE: Quebec - GIANT POWER DAM RELEASES FLOOD WATERS!
2. From the St. Maurice River dam, Quebec, come spectacular films as great flood gates are fully opened to release huge quantities of excess water! Owing to exceptionally heavy snows last winter and prolonged rains this Spring, flood conditions threaten the North St. Lawrence watershed. If the water was not released here, it would back up through a whole system of power dams and inundate towns and farmlands along the St. Maurice valley.
8. Normally, much of this water would be stored for controlled power purposes during the summer; now it surges free and rushes down to join the St. Lawrence River.
10. A magnificent man-made fall of water; giant dams help ease Nature's threat of floods!