

I have the honor to state that no "Agreement" on the subject has been signed by representatives of the two Governments.

With respect to the publication of the proposals exchanged and forwarded with Mr. Chilton's note I may state that I forwarded copies of the note and of its enclosures to the appropriate authorities of this Government for consideration. They have expressed the opinion that it would not be advisable to publish the correspondence at this time. It is believed that a treaty should be concluded dealing with the matter and that therefore until the terms of the treaty are definitely agreed upon it would be inadvisable to give publicity to the preliminary discussions respecting it. Furthermore, it is believed that the Canadian authorities may be disposed to agree with this view, as the correspondence deals with the subject of extradition.

Accept etc.

CHARLES E. HUGHES

981.

Le Gouverneur général au secrétaire aux Colonies
Governor General to Colonial Secretary

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, May 23, 1924

With reference to despatches of to-day respecting the conclusion of a Treaty between His Majesty the King in respect of the Dominion of Canada, and the United States, for the suppression of smuggling operations along the international boundary and to assist in the arrest and prosecution of persons violating the narcotic laws of either Government, my Ministers desire to draw the attention of His Majesty's Government to the circumstance that Article 6 of the proposed draft Treaty is in the nature of an amendment to a Treaty between Great Britain and the United States respecting the reciprocal conveyance of Canadian and American prisoners through American and Canadian territories respectively; that such amendment will affect such treaty only in so far as the matters concerned relate to the Dominion of Canada and will not therefore affect the interests of the British Government in the matter.

My Ministers desire further to state that as the Congress of the United States will in all probability adjourn about the 7th June, they would be obliged if the full powers requested for the Honourable Ernest Lapointe with respect to the conclusion and signature of said treaty could be forwarded immediately, so that the treaty may be signed in time to submit to the United States Senate before the conclusion of its present session.

982.

Le Gouverneur général au secrétaire aux Colonies
Governor General to Colonial Secretary

DESPATCH 226

Ottawa, May 26, 1924

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, herewith, certified copies of a Minute of the Privy Council regarding the proposed Treaty with the United States