sentative at Oslo on the subject of the grant of passport facilities to Mennonites at Moscow or in Siberia desiring to proceed to Canada, and to state that the information concerning this question has been noted with interest and steps are being taken by the Department of Immigration and Colonization to facilitate the movement to Canada of a limited number of Mennonites.

I have etc.

O. D. SKELTON for the Secretary of State of External Affairs

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Le secrétaire, Haut commissariat, au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures Secretary, Office of High Commissioner, to Secretary of State for External Affairs

**Telegram 43** 

My telegram 19th February, No. 25. The High Commissioner for South Africa has enquired few times whether I had received reply. If no decision is likely to be reached within a short time would suggest reply which I could convey to the High Commissioner for South Africa as a mark of courtesy to his Prime Minister who initiated enquiry.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au secrétaire, Haut commissariat Secretary of State for External Affairs to Secretary, Office of High Commissioner

**Telegram** 42

Ottawa, March 28, 1930

London, March 7, 1930

Your telegrams 19th February and 7th March regarding Russian treaties. Please inform High Commissioner South Africa we very much appreciate being advised of views of his government and regret delay in reply due to enquiries being made as to applicability of certain treaties concerned. We are not quite certain whether the difficulty felt by South African Government in the matter is based on objection to the method of exchange of notes to indicate Dominion concurrence in treaties or on objection to revival by any method of the treaties in question. As to latter point we agree that the greater number of treaties are not of much practical importance though Convention for the protection of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean is of direct concern to Canada. We should like to be advised whether it is the