

are being considered. The Main Estimates, as you are aware, have already been tabled. It is therefore our intention to make no public reference to the possibility of establishing this Mission pending that decision.

Yours sincerely,

O. D. SKELTON

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April 8, 1938

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

In case it is decided to establish Canadian Legations in Belgium and Holland, it would be necessary to include in the Estimates an appropriation of say \$60,000.

This estimate is based on the following assumptions:

- (1) The appointment of a single Minister to the two countries.
- (2) The establishment of lower salaries and allowances for such a Minister than those in force in the larger centres.
- (3) The appointment of one Secretary in each capital, with rank of First or Second Secretary, and a staff of say three in each place.
- (4) The probability that the appointment of a Minister would not be made until late in the summer, and that the balance of the Vote would be available for furnishings.

The Union of South Africa appropriates \$75,000 for a similar joint appointment to Holland and Belgium, but Holland is of particular importance to them. I would think, therefore, we could get along on a basis of sixty to sixty-five thousand dollars in a full year.

If any High Commissioners were appointed in the Dominions, we would have to allow somewhere between thirty and forty thousand dollars each for a full year.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGATIONS IN BELGIUM AND HOLLAND

It is now ten years since Canada opened a new chapter in the assumption of the responsibilities of self-government by establishing its first Legation

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