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*The Belgian Ambassador to Canada
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs*

EMBASSY OF BELGIUM

OTTAWA, November 19, 1949.

No. 2413/C1: 6

Sir:—

I have the honour to acknowledge your Note No. 124 of November 18, 1949, in which you informed me that the Canadian Government is prepared to conclude with the Belgian Government an agreement in the following terms:

- (1) Belgian nationals, who are bona fide non-immigrants coming to Canada from Belgium and who are in possession of valid national passports, will receive from competent Canadian diplomatic or consular authorities visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries to Canada during a period of twelve months from the date of issue of such visas.
- (2) Canadian citizens, who are bona fide non-immigrants and who are in possession of valid national passports, may, without previously obtaining a Belgian visa, visit Belgium for periods each not exceeding two consecutive months. This modification of entrance requirements does not apply to Canadian citizens who wish to enter the Belgian Congo or Ruanda-Urundi.
- (3) It is understood that this modification of entrance requirements does not exempt Belgian nationals and Canadian citizens, coming respectively to Canada and Belgium, from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the country concerned regarding the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that persons, who are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations, are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

The foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Belgian Government and I am authorized to confirm that your Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which shall take effect on December 1, 1949.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

VICOMTE DU PARC