

fourth category descriptive of offences against the liquor laws of the United States or Canada, whether federal, state or provincial.

It would be necessary, of course, to obtain parliamentary sanction to implement such a treaty, but it seems not unreasonable as between two neighbouring countries situated as Canada and the United States are, and having regard to the difficulty and expense of liquor enforcement which is being encountered in the United States, that Canada should concede to the United States a right of conveyance through its territory by United States peace officers of persons charged with or convicted of liquor offences in the United States, and especially when Canada receives in consideration of this a concession of considerable convenience and value from the United States.

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Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au Gouverneur général
Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Governor General

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM 21

Washington, February 21, 1924

SECRET. As I am not quite clear from the text of your telegram No. 26A as decoded here exactly what you wish me to communicate to the Government of the United States, after consultation with Mr. Cory it was decided in order to avoid all possibility of misunderstanding again to refer to you with special reference to the 2nd and 4th paragraphs of your telegram under reference.

In my note to the United States (?) I presume that you wish me to explain that while willing to make arrangements for the transportation of liquor via Skagway the Canadian Government retain their right to make use of the Yukon River route nevertheless. Should the substance of Paragraph No. 4 be communicated to the Government of the United States? It occurred to me, with regard to the possible amendments of the Treaty of 1908, that while there would seem to be but small possibility of any objection on the part of His Majesty's Government, negotiations with the Government of the United States would be facilitated considerably if I were able to inform them that the proposal had already been agreed to by His Majesty's Government. His Majesty's Government has been consulted on this point I presume. The position will be elucidated by Mr. Cory who left yesterday for Canada after interviewing officials here.

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Le Gouverneur général au chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis
Governor General to Chargé d'Affaires in United States

TELEGRAM 27A

Ottawa, February 22, 1924

Referring to your telegram of the 21st February. My Ministers represent that Mr. Cory has not returned to Ottawa and may not return until some time