

a member of the Dominion Government he will be glad to accede to his request for the regular supply of copies of despatches addressed by the Secretary of State to the Governor General, and of telegrams passing between the Secretary of State and the Government of the Dominion. Instructions have been given accordingly for copies of such papers to be forwarded to Sir George Perley from time to time.

It will of course be understood that this undertaking does not extend to personal or confidential communications with the Governor General.

I am etc.

JOHN ANDERSON

25. Prime Minister to High Commissioner in United Kingdom

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, October 13, 1917

SECRET. From many sources it has been made clear to the Government that a special Canadian representative at Washington should be immediately appointed. Lord Northcliffe¹ is strongly of this opinion and urged it in most emphatic terms. War conditions have brought about the necessity of prompt and immediate communication with the United States Government in respect of our affairs. The multiplicity of departments and commissions at Washington leads to disastrous delay if negotiations are conducted through the Embassy which is overwhelmed with a multitude of important matters not directly concerning Canada. I propose therefore to appoint Hazen² and to give him the designation of High Commissioner or some suitable title. In matters that may concern the whole Empire he will of course consult with the Embassy but in matters solely touching our own affairs he would communicate direct with the United States Government and its various commissions. As the appointment will be made without delay I shall be glad to receive immediately any observations of the Colonial Secretary.

BORDEN

26. High Commissioner to Prime Minister

TELEGRAM

London, October 16, 1917

CONFIDENTIAL. Have seen Colonial Secretary who approves idea your sending Hazen to Washington and brought it before Cabinet today. He suggests arrangement should now be for war only but I have expressed to him my opinion would be better leave this point in abeyance. He also suggests that Hazen should be attached to Embassy, though remaining entirely under your control. Long offers cable regarding this through Governor General and I have agreed his so doing that you may have formally on record views Imperial Government. Kindly advise if you wish me do anything further.

PERLEY

¹ Head of British War Mission in the United States, 1917.

² John D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, 1911-1917.