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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au secrétaire, Gouverneur général*

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary to Governor-General*

Ottawa, July 11, 1939

Dear Sir Shuldham,

I have your note of July 7th, regarding the report of an Irish High Commissioner being appointed to Canada.

You may recall there was some discussion in the spring of Mr. de Valera coming to Canada early this summer, after a visit to New York, and that he then indicated his wish to discuss with the Prime Minister the possibility of an exchange of High Commissioners. When the international situation deferred Mr. de Valera's visit, Dublin raised the question by cable in June, toward the end of the Royal Tour, and Mr. King telegraphed in reply that the appointment of an Irish High Commissioner this summer would be quite acceptable and that the Government would recommend to Parliament at its next session the appointment of a Canadian High Commissioner to Dublin. This will probably also entail the recommendation of the appointment of a Canadian High Commissioner to South Africa. Australia some few years ago rejected a Canadian suggestion for exchange of High Commissioners, but now that they have decided to establish a Diplomatic Service, beginning with Ministers in the United States and Japan, it is possible their objection to the appointment of Dominion High Commissioners will also disappear.

I understand, very confidentially, that the arrangement for the exchange of High Commissioners between Dublin and Ottawa was a preliminary to the acceptance of a British High Commissioner in Dublin.

The Irish Government have announced that Mr. John J. Hearne, Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs, will be appointed High Commissioner in Ottawa. We have no definite word yet as to when he will arrive.

Yours sincerely,

O. D. SKELTON

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*Le ministre des Affaires extérieures d'Irlande au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Irish Minister for External Affairs to Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

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Dublin, July 31, 1939

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Ireland have been pleased to appoint Mr. John Joseph Hearne, Senior Counsel, to be