

a question of principle similar to that of shipments through the Panama Canal zone which latter were by Congress specially exempted from the operation of the United States prohibition laws.

I would further draw your attention to the fact that under the provisions of Article 26 of the Treaty of Washington the Government of Canada possesses the right to transport liquor into the Yukon Territory via the Yukon River. In view of this treaty right the Government of Canada find it difficult to understand why the United States Government should be unwilling to take such steps as may be necessary to authorise the shipment of liquor via Skagway which affords a more convenient and less expensive route.

In these circumstances and having regard to the fact that such liquor is imported and dispensed *exclusively* by the Government of the Yukon Territory and to the treaty rights of the Government of Canada in this question, I have the honour to ask your good offices with the competent authorities of the United States Government and I trust that they may see their way to take immediate steps to regulate this matter in the sense desired by the Dominion Government.

In view of the short season of navigation in the Far North West I would draw your attention to the importance of this question being settled at the earliest possible moment and I have the honour to request the favor of an early reply.

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H. G. CHILTON

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*Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général*

*Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

DESPATCH 336

Downing Street, September 6, 1923

SECRET

My Lord,

With reference to my Secret despatch Dominions No. 281 of the 1st of August, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of an Aide-mémoire on the subject of the *extension of the three-mile limit to twelve miles* for the purpose of search and seizure of goods the importation of which is prohibited in the United States of America, which was handed to the United States Secretary of State by His Majesty's Representative at Washington on the 14th of July, and of a Note from the United States Government in reply, dated the 19th of July.

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