

reminded of the best traditions of his native land out of which he has something of real value to contribute to the country of his adoption. Another type of consul from another type of Government can retard the process of assimilation by promoting a divided loyalty, by injecting into the Canadian scene controversial issues from the old country which serve only to unsettle the immigrant, and even by exerting pressure for the financial support of causes that should no longer concern him. Evidence of such activities was not lacking before the war and there are some indications of resumption at the present time.

7. Many countries have extensive consular services in Canada. As relations with Italy revert to normal, we shall probably not wish to distinguish between the Italians and other countries in this regard. But in their case their record provides some excuse for making haste slowly. I suggest, therefore, that we might begin by allowing them to open consular offices in the seaports which handle the bulk of Italian shipping. Further expansion of Italian consular representation here can be made from time to time. It is likely to involve requests for the appointment of non-career officers — Italian-Canadian businessmen eager for the prestige and influence attached to such office in their communities — and these can be considered on their merits as they are received.¹⁶

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

[Ottawa], July 18, 1947

We have been considering the immediate opening of a mission in Italy and the appointment of Mr. Désy as Canadian Minister in Italy. On June 25th, 1947, Cabinet approved your proposal to establish a Legation in Italy "Upon ratification of the Peace Treaty with Italy". In view of the facts that by virtue of its co-belligerency since 1943, Italy has not been regarded as an enemy in the strict sense of the word, it would appear that in practice, that country has been, since we have accepted her as a co-belligerent, considered as a friendly power. On that basis, in view of International Law which gives us a justification for doing so, since a sovereign cannot, without urgent reasons, refuse to admit the Minister of a friendly power, we wish to initiate at once the procedure for the appointment of Mr. Désy as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Canada in Italy.

2. In view of the previous decision of the Cabinet, may I suggest that at the next Cabinet meeting you might obtain Cabinet approval to the establishment of a Lega-

¹⁶Note marginale:/Marginal note:
I agree. St. L{aurent}