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INTERVIEW WITH SIR GERALD CAMPBELL

*Laurier House, 11.30 a.m.-12. noon (March 4, 1939)*1. *Re High Commissioner from and to Ireland.*

Sir Gerald Campbell called at 11.30. He said that he had received a communication from Sir Edward Hardinge to the effect that Lord Devonshire and DeValera had been having interviews in regard to the relations of England and Ireland. That DeValera had wanted the recognition of the whole of Ireland but that Devonshire had told him that the matter of union of two parts of Ireland was something for the Irish to work out for themselves. That he, however, might help to construct a bridge toward that end by being prepared to appoint a High Commissioner from England to Eire. (Dulanty, so Sir Gerald said, had been doing very good and helpful work in London.)

DeValera had said he would prefer, in the first place, to appoint a High Commissioner to Canada. (This, Sir Gerald thought, was intended as means of asserting his independence.) Devonshire thought it would be helpful to the situation if we would agree to appoint a High Commissioner to Ireland. He, Sir Gerald, knew from what I had said that we had had the matter under consideration. I told him he was right in this, and also that we had very much in mind making an appointment of the kind, and certainly if it would be helpful in relations between different parts of the British Commonwealth, I would be only too glad to take the matter up with double interest from that point of view. I said that DeValera would be coming here at the time of visiting the New York Fair, and I thought the best time would be to discuss the matter with him at that time, and I felt sure that were he to propose sending a High Commissioner here, we would agree at once to accepting him and appointing a High Commissioner to Ireland in return . . . .

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March 6, 1939

MR. TREMBLAY'S RESOLUTION<sup>3</sup>

The presentation of Mr. Tremblay's resolution serves a good purpose in inviting attention to a matter which is of interest to public opinion in Canada.

<sup>1</sup> Premier ministre à O. D. Skelton/Prime Minister to O. D. Skelton.

<sup>2</sup> De/by L. Beaudry.

<sup>3</sup> *Procès-Verbaux de la Chambre des communes*, 12 janvier 1939, p. v:

«Que de l'avis de cette Chambre, le Canada devrait avoir ses propres consuls dans les principaux centres commerciaux du monde.»

*Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons*, January 12, 1939, p. iv:

“That, in the opinion of this House, Canada should have her own consuls in the principal commercial centres of the world.”