

Dominions. It is expected that communication of above drafts to the Soviet Government by the Norwegian Minister will be effected on or shortly after 28th November.

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*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM A. 48

London, December 6, 1929

SECRET. My telegram of the 28th November, Secret, Circular A. 46, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Reply received through Norwegian Government intimating that the Soviet Government agrees to the terms of draft notes in respect of undertakings as between the United Kingdom and themselves, but adds in respect of draft note relating to Dominions as follows:

Canada broke off relations without subsequent resumption, and between other Dominions and Soviet Government there have not been nor are there any relations. When normal relations have been established between Soviet Government and Dominions Soviet Government is willing to effect similar exchange of notes with each of them and asks British Government to be so good as to investigate attitude of Dominions to this.

Reply has been sent through the Norwegian Government in the following terms:

When once His Majesty's Ambassador has taken up his duties relations between Dominion Governments and Soviet Government will be conducted in accordance with normal practice when a Dominion has no separate representation at a foreign capital through channel of the Ambassador.

I have the honour to inform you that each of His Majesty's Governments in Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, Irish Free State and Newfoundland is ready to effect an exchange of notes in terms analogous to those proposed to exchange between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Soviet Government. These exchanges of notes would in practice referred to above be effected through British Ambassador at Moscow. This being so there is no need to investigate the attitude of the Dominions further and exchange of notes suggested by the Soviet Government can be effected at once.

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TELEGRAM 157

London, December 6, 1929

SECRET. My telegram of the 6th December, Secret, Circular A. 48. Reply to Soviet Government was sent after discussion with representatives of the Dominions at which Skelton represented Canada.