

85. *Prime Minister to Acting High Commissioner
in United Kingdom*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, October 19, 1914

SECRET. McBride here for several days. He is strongly impressed with importance my visiting Great Britain and arranging definite programme for war with Treasury, War Office and Admiralty in which case he desires to accompany me. Am not confident that any more definite programme can be prepared than that arranged through you. McBride's idea seems largely based on spectacular effect. I would be glad to have your views. Am not specially impressed by McBride's suggestion and in any case would not go unless visit were desired by Imperial Government.

86. *Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

TELEGRAM

London, October 20, 1914

With reference to your telegram of the 16th October and your telegram of the 18th October. Army Council are anxious not to give definite reply as to the composition of second contingent until sufficient opportunity has been afforded for examining composition of and arrangements for contingent which has just disembarked. Disembarkation of troops and their transfer to concentration station has been somewhat delayed, but it is hoped that it will be possible to give definite reply within very few days.

HARCOURT

87. *Ambassador in United States to Governor General*

DESPATCH 224

Washington, October 27, 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Royal Highness herewith copy of a despatch which I have today addressed to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs concerning articles which have appeared lately in the American press with reference to statements made by Dr. Dernburg, late German Colonial Minister, and Count Bernstorff as to Canada and the Monroe Doctrine.

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