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TELEGRAM
FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS
TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

LONDON,
May 23rd, 1927.

Please inform your Ministers. In connection with my telegrams as to Anglo-Soviet relations, we are advised that the termination of the Russian Trade Agreement of 1921 in relation to this country would not, in the absence of intimation that the notes exchanged of July 3rd 1922 are no longer regarded as governing the relations between Canada and Soviet, necessarily terminate the operation of the Agreement as between the Soviet Government and the Canadian Government. Of course the Soviet Government might act on the view that, under the Agreement to Canada as well as ourselves, it is relieved of any obligations.

With regard to the continuance of the Agreement as between Canada and Soviet, we should be grateful if your Ministers would consider what action they will take and as to their decision give us early information. Especially as the Soviet action which has led to the present situation is directed against the institutions of all parts of the British Empire, we should like to suggest for consideration that as regards the retention of Soviet representatives that this is a matter on which uniformity of action by the various members of the Commonwealth concerned would present great advantages. It is our impression that there are, under the Trade Agreement, at the moment, no representatives in Canada and in the Soviet Union, but if there should be and your

Ministers

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