

While accepting a Minister from another country does not necessarily involve a commitment to send a Minister in return, still that is the general practice and at least creates a popular assumption that reciprocal action will be taken sometime. For that reason the Government has never been very keen on receiving a Minister from any country to which there was no likelihood for some years to come of our sending a Minister in return.

4. Norway

Attached is a letter¹ from the Norwegian Consul-General in Montreal Daniel Steen, in which he suggests the desirability, from his standpoint, of establishing a Norwegian Legation in Canada. As he says, it is purely a personal suggestion. The question has not been raised by his Government. It would be difficult to receive a Norwegian Legation or to have a Canadian Legation in Norway without making similar or possibly combined arrangements with the other Scandinavian countries.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au ministre des Affaires extérieures d'Irlande*
*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Irish Minister for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, April 15, 1939

PERSONAL. For Walshe from Skelton. Begins: My telegram 13th March.¹ We understand there is some possibility that Mr. de Valera will not now be likely to visit Canada on the occasion of his visit to New York. The Prime Minister therefore has instructed me to let you know that the Canadian Government will be prepared at any time to receive a High Commissioner from Dublin and expect to be able to make a reciprocal appointment later on, though not possible to arrange for this at present session of Parliament.

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*Le secrétaire, Gouverneur général au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*
*Secretary to Governor General to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

Quebec, July 7, 1939

Dear Doctor Skelton,

I have seen reports in the Press that a High Commissioner for Eire is to be appointed to Canada. As we have had no official information on the subject, am I right assuming that this is just newspaper gossip?

Yours very sincerely,

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