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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*

Ottawa, January 9, 1937

Dear Doctor Skelton,

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of January 8th,¹ and have informed the Governor-General that His Majesty the King has approved the establishment of a Belgian Legation in Ottawa, and the appointment of Baron Robert Silvercruys as first Belgian Minister to Canada.

The Governor-General's last information on this subject was that the Belgian Government had merely made an approach, and this was the substance of His Excellency's reply to the wire received from the Private Secretary to the King on December 21st. Since then, apparently, a decision has been reached, and The King's approval has been sought and obtained. If it would not put your Department to any inconvenience, I feel sure that His Excellency would greatly appreciate being kept informed of a development of this sort as and when the various stages occur?

I note that Baron Silvercruys has received his Letters of Credence, and I am to say that it would be convenient to the Governor-General to receive him, for the presentation of his Credentials, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday next, January 11th, at Government House. I note also that the Minister will be accompanied by Mr. Maurice Heyne on Monday, and that his sister, Mrs. Silvercruys Farnam will wish to accompany the Baron to the various forthcoming official functions. Arrangements will be made accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A.S. REDFERN

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*Le Premier ministre au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne
Prime Minister to High Commissioner in Britain*

Ottawa, February 10, 1937

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My dear High Commissioner,

I have your letter of the 29th January,¹ transmitting the Belgian Ambassador's comments on the indication which had been given that Canada was not likely to reciprocate for some time the establishment of the Belgian

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