

*The Secretary of State for External Affairs to the United States
Minister at Ottawa*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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No. 89

SIR:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of May 28, 1941, No. 384 and in reply to inform you that the Canadian Government appreciates fully the nature of the wheat program now being undertaken in the United States. In view of the circumstances described in your Note I am glad to be able to assure you that Canada is prepared to cooperate by avoiding, so far as may be possible, any action which would be likely to embarrass your Government in the execution of measures designed to improve the domestic position of wheat producers in the United States.

2. The Canadian Government is gratified to note that nothing will be done to impede the movement through the United States of Canadian wheat destined for export from American seaboard ports, or for milling in bond for export. As you are aware this movement through the United States is important in order to maintain the regular and continuous shipment of Canadian wheat overseas.

3. In view of the problem of surplus wheat with which the governments of almost all the major exporting countries are now confronted, and having in mind the altered conditions and prospects for trade resulting from the war, the Canadian Government welcomes the proposal that the discussions of this problem with the governments of the United States and other interested countries, should be resumed.

4. Apart from discussion of the international problem, the Canadian Government recognizes the value of, and is willing to participate in, continuing consultations on this subject as it affects the United States and Canada. It is assumed that these consultations will embrace such aspects of the problem as the mutually advantageous use of storage facilities in the United States and Canada, as well as all decisions in the field of wheat policy which, although taken by one Government, may have a bearing on the interest of the other.

Accept, Sir, etc.

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Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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