

General. Legally there would be no difficulty and no difference in the effect of the Instruments. It would of course be in accordance with constitutional practice to obtain the King's approval before establishing a substantial change in practice.

I should be grateful if you would bring these points to the attention of Sir Alexander Hardinge, and I am sure that he will agree that there is now no barrier to proceeding by appointment under the Great Seal of Canada, following the procedure which we had in contemplation. You will of course understand that, in intimating the preference for this course, I do not intend to suggest that there would be any disinclination to provide a different procedure if such a course was desired by the King.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. ROBERTSON

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*Le secrétaire du Gouverneur général au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Secretary to Governor General to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

Ottawa, April 27, 1943

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of April 22nd, file No. 2165-40, on the subject of Consular Appointments.

There is no necessity to seek the Governor General's approval for these appointments, but he will presumably approve of them in due course when he signs the Minutes of Council in which the appointments are made. It would, however, be appreciated if as soon as such appointments are decided upon, you would let me have an informal note for His Excellency's information so that he knows about them before they appear in the Press.

All the other points in your letter I have referred to the Private Secretary to the King for his comments.

A. S. REDFERN

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*Le secrétaire du Gouverneur général au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Secretary to Governor General to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

Ottawa, May 31, 1943

Reference your 2165-40 of April 22nd on the subject of Consular Appointments, I have referred the points raised by you to the Private Secretary to The