



*The Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to the Netherlands Minister to Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of the 3rd December regarding compensation for war damage.

2. The Canadian Government is pleased to note the readiness of the Netherlands Government to treat Canadian citizens and institutions or corporations under Canadian jurisdiction, in respect of compensation for war damage to property situated in the Netherlands, on the same basis as Netherlands nationals, institutions and corporations.

3. In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Reparations Conference held in Paris in December, 1945, this treatment is "subject to an undertaking by the Canadian Government to extend to Netherlands nationals and Netherlands institutions and corporations the same facilities of compensation for war damage as they make or have made applicable to Canadian nationals". The Canadian Government is pleased to give this undertaking but I must point out that because there was, fortunately, no war damage to property in Canada there are no provisions for compensation for war damage to property in Canada.

4. It is noted that the undertaking of the Netherlands Government does not at the present moment apply to the Netherlands East Indies but that a similar arrangement may soon be possible in respect of the Netherlands East Indies.

5. Unless you wish an agreement in some other form, I am willing to consider your note and this reply as placing on record the agreement between our two governments on the subject of national treatment for war damage compensation.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

R. M. MACDONNELL,  
*For the Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.*

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