

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RECORDING AN AGREEMENT RESPECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Signed at Ottawa, March 6 and 12, 1942

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

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, March 6, 1942.

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SIR,

I have the honour to state that discussions have recently taken place between representatives of the Unemployment Insurance Commission of Canada and the Social Security Board of the United States of America on matters of mutual interest arising under the laws of both countries.

The United States of America, by the enactment of the Social Security Act (Act of August 14, 1935, c. 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C., c. 7 (Supp.)), as amended by Act of August 10, 1939, c. 666, 53 Stat. 1360), has made provision for the maintenance of a Federal-State unemployment insurance program in the United States of America. The Parliament of Canada, by the enactment of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940, chapter 44 of the Statutes of Canada, 1940, has made provision for an unemployment insurance program in Canada.

There are now in operation unemployment insurance laws in the various states of the United States of America and in Canada.

The representatives of the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Social Security Board concluded that it is desirable that the application of such laws be co-ordinated and integrated so that duplication of contributions with respect to the same services and duplication of insurance payments with respect to the same periods of unemployment may be avoided.

In order to achieve this result, the Government of Canada is prepared to make with the Government of the United States of America the agreement which is annexed as an Appendix to this note.* The agreement would come into force one month from the date of your reply stating that the Government of the United States of America accepts the Canadian Government's proposal.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

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N. R. ROBERTSON

for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

* For the Appendix see below, page 5.