

82. Le Premier ministre au premier ministre du Royaume-Uni

Dear Mr. Lloyd George,

Paris, March 27, 1919

Referring to my letter¹ relative to the Report of the Commission on International Labour Legislation, I should have said that upon certain questions arising out of our federal system Sir Malcolm Delevingne has communicated with me from time to time. My reference to lack of consultation was with regard to the general proposals of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

[R. L. BORDEN]

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Dear Mr. Lloyd George,

Paris, March 27, 1919

A Canadian Ukrainian called on me this morning, bringing with him Mr. Gregoire Sydorenko, who is President of the Ukrainian Delegation to the Peace Conference. There are about three hundred thousand Ukrainians in Canada and six hundred thousand in the United States. Mr. Sydorenko claims that his country affords a strong rampart against Bolshevism, as the people are largely peasant proprietors and their spirit and mentality are entirely averse to Bolshevik ideals and methods. He admits that the Bolshevists have overrun more than half of his country but he alleges that this is due to the lack of arms, ammunition and equipment. It is his very earnest hope that his Government may be recognized by the Great Powers and that the Ukrainian delegates may have a place in the Peace Conference. Further, he believes that the influence of the French Government, which desires an undivided Russia, is preventing the recognition which otherwise would be accorded by Great Britain. On the whole he seemed a capable, earnest man; and of course his companions, the Ukrainians from Canada, are much concerned to have the Ukraine recognized as an independent state. I promised him that I would place before you the considerations which he urged and that at a convenient opportunity I should discuss the situation with you or with Mr. Balfour.

Faithfully yours,

R. L. BORDEN

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Dear Mr. Lloyd George,

Paris, March 27, 1919

May I venture to suggest that the proposed Report of the Commission on International Labour Legislation should be considered at a meeting of the

¹ Probablement le document n° 84.