

*From the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, South Africa, to the
Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canada.*

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PRETORIA, 19th December, 1928.

SIR,—With reference to your letter, No. 10 dated 27th September, regarding the request of Canadian Radio Amateurs for an Agreement in connection with the exchange of communications between private experimental stations in different countries, I have the honour to inform you that the South African Government is prepared to enter into an Agreement with the Government of Canada to enable Canadian Private Experimental Stations (Amateurs) to exchange certain messages with Private Experimental Stations (Amateurs) within the Union of South Africa.

2. Such messages will be restricted to those coming within the following general headings, viz:—

- (1) Messages that would not normally be sent by any existing means of electrical communication and on which no tolls must be charged;
- (2) Messages from other Radio Stations in isolated points not connected by any regular means of electrical communication, such messages to be handed to the local office of the Telegraph Company by the Amateur receiving station for transmission to final destination, e.g. messages from expeditions in remote points such as the Arctic, etc.;
- (3) Messages handled by Amateur stations in cases of emergency, e.g. floods, etc., where the regular electrical communication systems become interrupted; such messages to be handed to the nearest point on the established commercial telegraph system remaining in operation.

I have, etc.,

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Minister of External Affairs.

The Right Honourable
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