

It is not known what the result of these representations were, or what Sir Robert Borden's reply or action was. It does not appear, however, that any change was made. The Secretary of State continued, ~~and still continues~~ to be the sole official channel of communication between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Lieutenant-Governors.*

* Note: No deviation from the constitutional practice of the Secretary of State channel of communication with Lieutenant-Governors appears to have been made until 1958. In an External Affairs departmental notice dated May 2, 1958, it was announced that "the practice of channelling all official communications to the provincial governments through the Department of Secretary of State is to be discontinued". In future, communications on subjects of imperial or foreign concern, the participation of the provinces in international conventions, information requests from the United Nations Organization or its agencies or of Commonwealth or of Foreign Governments, and similar matters, were to be carried on directly between the Department of External Affairs and the provincial governments "for the time being." In a letter of April 23rd, Mr. C. Stein, the Under-Secretary of State wrote to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in this connection: "A further simplification can no doubt be achieved in the distribution to the provincial legislatures of United Kingdom publications. I understand that the London Gazette, House of Lords and House of Commons debates and Public General Acts are no longer distributed to the Provinces through this Department. Enclosed is a list of a number of United Kingdom publications, such as Treaty Series and Command Papers which are still received by us from your department for distribution to the Provinces. I suggest that this distribution by your department could be made direct to the provinces."