

TELEGRAM

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From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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No. 3. Your telegram No 1527 of September 30th,
and your telegram No 1653 of October 22nd.

In view of developments of concentrated attacks
on various cities of the United Kingdom and
consequent strain placed on fire-fighting personnel
in this country, Home Office are anxious to reopen
discussions regarding offers of firemen from Canadian
municipalities.

It is expected proposals somewhat along following
lines will be made by United Kingdom Government shortly;

(1) Experienced firemen from Canada would be
regarded as Volunteer Canadian Contingent to be divided
into units of about 100 men for service either (a) in
general service attached to regular brigades, or (b)
special emergency units for supplementary water supplies,
and heavy fire-fighting duties to be held in reserve for
transfer to meet emergencies.

(2) In either case formations would be organized
as Canadian units with their own officers; but attached
to one or more particular brigades.

(3) In either case it is understood that the
Canadian officers would be responsible for discipline,
and administration, and would be under orders only in
matters concerned with operations.

(4) It is proposed there should be usual Canadian