

(j) The most striking departure from present practice is elimination of married women from the disability provisions and establishment of equality between the sexes.

3. It is desired that you should bring the general nature of this legislation to the attention of the government to which you are accredited.

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*Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne  
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in Great Britain  
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 2947

London, October 10, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL. Your telegram No. 2234 of September 27th, proposed Canadian Citizenship Bill.

2. Letter, in sense of your foregoing telegram, sent to Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs on 28th September. Answer has now been received, relevant portion of which reads as follows:

"I have forwarded to the authorities here, who are chiefly interested, a copy of your letter of 28th September, about the contemplated Canadian Citizenship Bill. The proposals mentioned in your letter raise certain important questions which have been discussed at past Imperial Conferences. We should, accordingly, like to have an opportunity of considering the draft Bill or the proposals in detail with a view to possible further discussion before the Bill is introduced. We should be grateful, therefore, if you could inform the Canadian Government to this effect and arrange for us to have the above information as soon as it may be available."

3. It is assumed that you do not contemplate any discussions with United Kingdom authorities on terms of Citizenship Bill. Matter is a trifle delicate, however, and I would thus appreciate indication of nature of answer I may suitably give Lord Addison.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures  
au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne*

*Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to High Commissioner in Great Britain*

DESPATCH 1731

Ottawa, October 12, 1945

IMMEDIATE

Sir

Referring to your telegram No. 2947 concerning the proposed Canadian Citizenship Bill, the Secretary of State of Canada has furnished two advance