

discovered, it is desired to be informed as early as possible. It is further desired to learn whether His Majesty's Government in Great Britain, in terminating the Trade Agreement, are acting under Paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the Agreement, providing for six month's notice, or under Paragraph 3, providing for immediate termination in the event of an infringement, and in the latter case whether any special steps have been taken towards giving the other party an opportunity of furnishing an explanation.

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Le secrétaire aux Dominions au Gouverneur général
Dominions Secretary to Governor General

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

London, May 25, 1927

STATE. SECRET. With reference to your telegram of May 24th regarding Anglo-Soviet relations. First question—Such information as was obtained from Arcos raid directly relating to Canada was sent in message to Colonel Starnes, Commissioner of Royal Canadian Mounted Police on May 21st from New Scotland Yard. Second question—It is under Third Paragraph of Article 13 of 1921 Agreement that action is being taken by His Majesty's Government. It was felt that situation disclosed in statement of Prime Minister in House of Commons yesterday (See particularly latter part of telegram 24th May) following protest and warning in note of February 23rd from Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (See my despatch 5th April, Dominion 211 and Prime Minister's telegram February 23rd) constituted such overwhelming evidence of violation of trade Agreement as to necessitate without giving further opportunity for further explanation action foreshadowed in the last Paragraph but one of Foreign Secretary's note.

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Le commissaire adjoint, Gendarmerie royale du Canada,
au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Assistant Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

PERSONAL AND SECRET

Ottawa, May 25, 1927

Dear Doctor Skelton,

As I see that Mr. Baldwin stated in the British House of Commons that the addresses of Canadian Communists were found in the Arcos raid, it may be as well to let you know that on Saturday, 21st May, I received a secret cipher cable message from New Scotland Yard, a copy of which I append.¹

With two or three exceptions (most of which I suspect to be aliases) these addresses were perfectly well known to me; the message was interesting to

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