

Exchanges of Diplomatic Representatives between Canada and the U.S.A. Statement by Prime Minister James D. Macbride

Right Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister: Hon. members will recall that I announced the news on February 2 that the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States had signed an agreement in London on which to proceed for the exchange of diplomatic representatives.

The Canadian Government has been anxious to establish a reciprocal relationship with the United States on a reciprocal basis, and we have been interested that the Soviet Government should be invited to do so. We understand that the U.S.A. Government will establish a consulate in Ottawa.

I am glad to be able to announce that an agreement for the exchange of diplomatic missions between Canada and the U.S.A. has been signed in London today at 2 P.M. The text of the agreement, which was signed by Mr. Mackenzie King and Mr. Walter Dill Scott of the U.S.A. Government, is as follows:

The Government of the U.S.A. and the Government of Canada have agreed to establish direct diplomatic relations as follows:

1. The Government of the U.S.A. has agreed to establish direct diplomatic relations with Canada.

2. The present agreement shall come into force immediately after the date of the exchange of ratifications.

3. The present agreement shall be in two copies, each of them in the English language, both texts having equal force.

Message from the U.S.A. to the U.S.A. dated Feb. 2, 1943

I welcome the news of the signing of the agreement between the U.S.A. and Canada for the exchange of diplomatic representatives.

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