

58. *Acting High Commissioner to Prime Minister*

TELEGRAM

London, August 8, 1914

CONFIDENTIAL. Had interview this morning with Kitchener who wishes personally and on behalf of War Office express his very grateful and sincere thanks for Canada's splendid offer troops. Hopes you can send him full division of twenty to twenty five thousand. Says he can use all you think best to send. His appointment as Minister War has given highest satisfaction.

PERLEY

59. *Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

TELEGRAM

London, August 9, 1914

With reference to your telegram of August 7, His Majesty is graciously pleased to order that the troops offered by Canada shall be raised by your Royal Highness for service as expeditionary force. It is suggested that terms of attestation should be as follows:—(a) for a term of one year unless war lasts longer than one year in which case they will be retained until war over. If employed with hospital depots of mounted units and as clerks, etcetera, they may be retained after termination of hostilities until services can be dispensed with but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. (b) To be attached to any arm of service should it be required of them. Men should be attested by magistrate.

HARCOURT

60. *Prime Minister to First Lord of the Admiralty*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, August 13, 1914

Following telegram just received from Premier McBride¹ and submitted for your consideration. Begins. Press reports indicate Japan mobilization. It would be well get in touch with Admiralty personally. Do not hesitate to say that in event British loss Japan would not hesitate co-operate with Germany. I know of treaties with Canada and England but in this time these of little or no consequence. Without intending any serious alarm would like to have you consider as I have outlined. Ends.

BORDEN

61. *Acting High Commissioner to Prime Minister*

TELEGRAM

London, August 13, 1914

SECRET. CONFIDENTIAL. Please give your personal consideration selection officer command contingent.

PERLEY

¹ Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, 1903-1915.