the honour to transmit, for the information of His Majesty's Government in Canada, the accompanying copy of a despatch (with enclosure) from His Majesty's Representative at Oslo, on the subject of the grant of passport facilities to Mennonites at Moscow or in Siberia who desire to proceed to Canada.

I have etc.

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[PIÈCE JOINTE/ENCLOSURE]

Le ministre britannique en Norvège au secrétaire aux Affaires étrangères britannique

British Minister in Norway to British Foreign Secretary

DESPATCH 466

Oslo, November 21, 1929

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copy in translation of an interesting despatch which the Norwegian Minister at Moscow has addressed to his Government relative to an incursion of Germano-Soviet peasants and Soviet peasants to Moscow on account both of the bad conditions prevailing in Siberia, Ukraine, Caucasus and the German Volga Republic, and religious persecution. I would invite your special attention to the two last paragraphs of Mr. Urbye's despatch in which he suggests that, because of the desire of many of these unhappy people to proceed to Canada, the Authorities at Ottawa should be informed of the facts set forth in this report. Reference is also made by Mr. Urbye to the possibility of appointing a representative of the Canadian Government to Moscow, who would be vested with the necessary authority to examine the intending emigrants and to grant visas.

I have etc.

ALVARY GASCOIGNE

[ANNEXE A LA PIÈCE JOINTE/SUB-ENCLOSURE]

Le ministre de Norvège en Union soviétique au ministre aux Affaires étrangères de Norvège

Norwegian Minister in Soviet Union to Norwegian Foreign Minister

GERMAN COLONISTS IN THE SOVIET UNION

DESPATCH 452

Moscow, November 6, 1929

TRANSLATION

In the course of the autumn a great incursion of farm labourers from all parts of the Union to Moscow has taken place. Those who arrived first were