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Extracts from Speech by Sir John A. Macdonald

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and subsequent pages.

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Re Personal Representation versus Correspondence

"It has been found, in the opinion of the Government, necessary to have an agent residing in the vicinity of Her Majesty's Government. With the growth of Canada, its increasing power and population, and its increasing interests as they are developed, it is found that the correspondence across the seas which the Government have to conduct, is altogether unsatisfactory, and that it will be well to have a Minister residing there".

(Note: "Altogether unsatisfactory" character of correspondence.

Sir John adds, referring to emigration:-

I may say it has been found that an agent living in London, without a commission, has not been able to claim anything like public attention to that important subject. It is believed that by having an officer holding a quasi diplomatic position, in fact holding a diplomatic position

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