

shall do my best in order to fulfil properly duties entrusted to me by my Government.

I permit my self to hope that in fulfilling my duties I may rely upon your support and that of the Government.

I arrive in your country at a moment when the Red Army and the people of the Soviet Union in co-operation with Canada and the other United Nations, are fighting a titanic struggle against the enemy of all liberty-loving people of the World - against Hitlerite Germany striving to achieve world domination. In the struggle against Hitlerism close co-operation of all the United Nations is the necessary condition for the victory over the common enemy in the shortest possible time.

Permit me, Your Excellency, to express the confidence of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that the establishment of direct diplomatic relations and exchange of diplomatic representatives between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will serve the maintenance and promoting of friendly relations between two countries.

Reply of His Excellency the Governor General to Mr. Feodor Gousev, Minister of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,  
October 21, 1942.

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Mr. Minister,

I am greatly pleased to receive, in the name of His Majesty The King, the Letter of Credence accrediting you as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Canada. I extend to you, as the first diplomatic representative of your country here a very cordial welcome.

The establishment in Canada of a diplomatic Mission from the Soviet Union is welcomed with the utmost cordiality, and I assure you that in carrying out the duties of your high mission you may rely upon my co-operation and the support of the Canadian Government.

The unparalleled heroism and glorious achievements of the armed forces and people of the Soviet Union against invasion have aroused our unbounded admiration. In the titanic battle for the cause of Freedom and Justice which the people of the Soviet Union and the people of Canada are now fighting, in co-operation with the peoples of the United Nations, we are united in close association, and this comradeship in arms will, I know, form the basis of a wider and deeper friendship.

The Government of Canada shares the confidence of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that the establishment of direct diplomatic relations and the exchange of diplomatic representatives will serve to maintain and promote friendly relations between our two countries.