

In Washington, the Danish Minister, Mr. Henrik de Kauffmann, told the Canadian Legation on May 22nd that he had notified the Greenland authorities of the Canadian intention and had received the following telegraphic reply from the Governors:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the interest in the welfare of Greenland taken by the Canadian Government in sending a Consul to Greenland. The Consul shall be very welcome. . . (1)

On May 21st, Dr. Skelton wrote to the Consul General of Denmark, Mr. G.B. Holler, in Montreal, informing him of the steps, and adding:

I would appreciate being informed whether the provisional establishment of such an office would be satisfactory and whether provisional recognition might be given to the Consul to be placed in charge of the Canadian Consulate and to the Vice-Consul who may assist him. (2)

Mr. Holler was at first reluctant to pass such a message, as the Danish Minister at Washington had already done so; and added that he himself had no authority to say that the appointment would be satisfactory. He was persuaded, however, to telegraph to the Governors of Greenland the following message, subject to External Affairs approval of the text:

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs now officially informed me Canadian Government propose temporarily establish Consulate Greenland requested me obtain information whether you agree provisional establishment such consulate and ready to give Canadian Consul and Vice-Consul provisional recognition.

(1) Ibid.

(2) Ibid.