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Office of the High Commissioner  
for the United Kingdom,  
Ottawa.

No. 18.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a memorandum which has been drawn up by the authorities in London outlining recent discussions on the subject of the recruitment in Canada of trained firemen for fire-fighting in the United Kingdom.

2. It will be observed from the fifth paragraph of this memorandum that the proposal was made by the High Commissioner for Canada in London that I should take this matter up on my arrival in Canada with the Canadian municipalities, having first secured the concurrence and assistance of the Federal authorities. I should be very grateful if I might receive your advice on how to proceed in this matter and if I might also be informed of the views of the Canadian Government on the proposals as they now stand.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W.C.Hankinson

for the High Commissioner

The Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
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