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Exchange of Notes between the Governments of Canada and the United States of America regarding Appendix Certificates of Tonnage.

Washington, December 28, 1937, February 15/25, 1938.

No. 1.

The Secretary of State of the United States to the Canadian Minister at Washington.

Department of State,

Sir, Washington, December 28, 1937.

I have the honour to refer again to your note No. 148 of the 15th July, 1937, proposing that an arrangement be entered into between the United States and Canada whereby appendix certificates of tonnage should be issued to United States passenger vessels for use in the ports of Canada in connexion with the assessment of tonnage and certain other dues.

Under the present American practice special appendixes to the certificates of registry are issued to certain United States passenger vessels for their use in the ports of foreign countries whose laws and regulations require that passenger spaces situated on decks which are not decks to the hull be included in the net tonnage for the purpose of assessing dues.

I have the honour to inform you that if the Canadian admeasurement laws and regulations require the inclusion of the aforementioned passenger spaces in the tonnage admeasurement of passenger vessels upon which the dues are based, then the special appendix may be demanded of American passenger vessels in Canadian ports, provided, that like passenger spaces are included in the tonnage certificates of Canadian vessels trading in American ports.

Accept, &c.

(For the Secretary of State), R. WALTON MOORE.

No. 2.

The Canadian Minister at Washington to the Secretary of State of the United States.

(No. 30.) Canadian Legation,

Sir, Washington, February 15, 1938.

I have the honour to refer to your note of the 28th December, 1937, in connexion with a proposed arrangement to be entered into between the United States and Canada whereby appendix certificates

tonnage should be issued to United States passenger vessels for use in the ports of Canada in connexion with the assessment of tonnage and certain other dues.

With regard to the statement contained in the last paragraph of your note to the effect that the special appendix may be demanded of United States passenger vessels in Canadian ports provided that like passenger spaces are included in the tonnage certificates of Canadian vessels trading in United States ports, I may say that the tonnage measurement regulations in force on Canadian vessels are those of the Board of Trade, London. I should be grateful if you would be good enough to inform me whether officers at Canadian ports may now be instructed to require the production of appendix certificates by the United States passenger vessels concerned.

I havé, &c.

HERBERT M. MARLER.

No. 3.

The Secretary of State of the United States to the Canadian Minister at Washington.

Department of State,

Sir.

Washington, February 25, 1938.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 30 of the 15th February, 1938, referring to the Department's note of the 28th December, 1937, further concerning the proposed arrangement between the United States and Canada whereby special appendix tonnage certificates would be furnished certain United States passenger vessels for their use when visiting Canadian ports.

In view of the statement in your note under acknowledgment that the tonnage measurement regulations in force on Canadian vessels are those of the Board of Trade, London, I have the honour to inform you that Canadian port officials may be instructed to require the production of appendix tonnage certificates by the United States passenger vessels concerned.

Accept, &c.

(For the Secretary of State), R. WALTON MOORE.