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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF CANADA.

Ottawa, 14th November, 1918.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL-IN-COUNCIL :

The undersigned has the honour to observe that during the period of the present war persons residing and carrying on business in Canada have been subjected to loss and pecuniary damage, and have claims arising from the destruction of life and property, through the illegal warfare of the enemy, and that, through the operation of the Consolidated Orders respecting Trading with the Enemy, persons residing and carrying on business in Canada have been subjected to claims for damages for breaches of contract, which contracts they were prevented from carrying out owing to the operation of the Statutory List of persons in neutral countries with whom they were prohibited from trading, and that it is advisable that a list of all such claims should be prepared, for such action as may hereafter be considered advisable.

The undersigned therefore has the honour to recommend that Thomas Mulvey, Under-Secretary of State, be appointed an officer to take such steps as may be necessary to obtain a complete list of:

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- (a) Claims of persons residing or carrying on business in Canada who have been subjected to loss and
 pecuniary damage, arising from the destruction of life
 and property through the illegal warfare of the enemy,
 and
- (b) Claims for damages to which persons residing or carrying on business in Canada have been subjected for breaches of contracts, which contracts were prevented from being carried out owing to the operation of the Statutory List of persons in neutral countries with whom such contracts were declared illegal, and to examine and report upon all such claims as aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Under-Secretary of State.