

Sir Shuldham the view that had been taken here that the tendency in diplomatic representation is in the direction of equating all representatives to the status of ambassador. The real distinction is dying out and the view put forward by Lascelles seemed to indicate an over-emphasis of the ancient distinctions between ranks of diplomatic representatives which are now almost meaningless.

Sir Shuldham stated that he would pass on to the Governor General for transmission to Lascelles the information received, particularly to the effect that if it was desired by the King there would be no harm in dropping the formal recommendation.

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au sous-ministre par intérim du Commerce
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to
Acting Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce*

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Dear Mr. Master,

You will recall our recent conversations on the advisability of setting up a small joint committee to study the problems involved in the various proposals for the establishment of a closer relationship between the External Affairs Service and the Commercial Intelligence Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

The recent establishment of the Canadian Consulate General in New York with personnel drawn from the two Services presents an example of the kind of thing that may happen in a number of other instances in the comparatively near future. It crystallizes also some of the problems that will require consideration if the two Services are to work to the best mutual advantage and, in particular, if amalgamation should eventually become a practical proposition.

Under the circumstances I think that it would be desirable to form the suggested Committee at once and for our part I have decided to nominate Mr. John Read, Legal Adviser, and Mr. H. L. Keenleyside, Assistant Under-Secretary, as the representatives of the Department of External Affairs. If you will let me have the names of your nominees an early date for the first meeting can then be arranged.