

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

Mr. George S. Depaete on June 8th presented to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House the letter of Credentials by which Her Majesty the King of the Netherlands appointed him as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada. Mr. Depaete, who is the first diplomatic representative of Greece in Canada, obtained the degree of Doctor in Law from the University of Athens. He took a supplementary course in political science and entered the diplomatic service of his country in 1903, serving in Turkey, Rumania, France, England, Egypt and Italy. Mr. Depaete was Consul General of Greece at Chicago from 1924 to 1928 when he was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens, being promoted to the rank of Minister in 1935. Prior to his present appointment as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Greece to Canada, Mr. Depaete was Minister-Governor of the Royal Greek Legation in Washington.

Mr. Norman Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, presented Mr. Depaete to His Excellency the Governor General. The new Minister delivered a short address to which His Excellency replied. Mr. Howard Messersmith of the Department of External Affairs was present, and members of the Governor General's staff were in attendance.

The Prime Minister of Norway, the Hon. Johan Nygaardsvold, arrived in Halifax on June 10th and paid a brief visit to Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Mr. Sven Mjølhus, Minister of Education, and Mr. Hans G. Borge, Governor of the Bank of Norway. The party was accompanied by the Norwegian Legation in Canada, and during their visit to Canada the party was taken to inspect the Norwegian naval training unit and the Norwegian swimming pool in Halifax. The party also visited the Norwegian Consulate in Toronto.

The following press statement was issued on June 16, 1945, following the arrival in Canada of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands:

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands has arrived in Ottawa prior to departing with Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana to the United States.

His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice have invited Her Majesty the Queen and the members of her party, to stay at Government House. His Excellency and Her Royal Highness are at present on a tour of western Ontario.

Her Majesty the Queen was met on her arrival at the airport near Ottawa by Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana, by the Prime Minister of Canada, and Major Geoffrey Eastwood, Comptroller of the Governor General's Household, and by Count V. van Rossum, Charge d'Affaires of the Netherlands Legation and Mrs. F.E.H. Goochman.