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Secretary of State for External Affairs.

This Report, which, by statute, is required to be tabled annually in Parliament, indicates the nature and scope of the external problems that faced Canada in 1950. It provides a general summary of the work of the Department during the past calendar year.

For the third consecutive time, the Department's Report has been divided on the basis of function or subject. For this reason, there are no separate accounts of the work at the different Canadian missions, though reference is made to the main operations of these offices. Following a brief outline of the "headquarters" organization of the Department and of Canadian "branch offices" abroad, the Report reviews, under headings corresponding to the present Divisions of the Department, the principal business done during 1950.

The large range of the Department's activities is indicated by the responsibility laid upon the Minister by the Department of External Affairs Act, for the "conduct of all official communications between the Government of Canada and the Government of any other country in connection with the external affairs of Canada". The Secretary of State for External Affairs is also charged with the conduct of international negotiations and such other duties in relation to external affairs as may be assigned to him by the Governor-in-Council. The administration of Canadian external policy involves close and continuous co-operation with other Government departments and agencies, many of which have important direct interests in important phases of our relations with other countries. I am glad to be able to report that such co-operation is improving steadily both in Ottawa and abroad.

In submitting this Report for the year 1950, I should like to record my appreciation of the manner in which the members of the Department at home and abroad have discharged their duties, and of the loyalty and devotion which have characterized their work.

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for External Affairs.*

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