

The practical situation may be summarized:

(a) It is not considered to be an offence under the Act for any persons in Canada to volunteer for service in the Finnish forces.

(b) It is considered that it would not be an offence for Finnish Consuls to recruit Finnish nationals, who are not Canadian nationals, for Service.

(c) It is considered that it would be an offence for any person to recruit or to induce the enlistment of any person who is not a Finnish national.

(d) It would not be practicable to complete enlistment of volunteers or to embody military units within this country. The position in this respect is the same as in the United Kingdom. It would be permissible for a person to volunteer and to leave this country for the purpose of being embodied in the armed forces of Finland abroad, but it would not be possible for the same person to be sworn in in this country and sent abroad.

The Honourable Leland Olde, Chairman, Federal Power Commission.

Mr. John Hicherson, Assistant Chief, Division of European Affairs, Department of State.

(6) *Visit of Canadian Officials to Washington, 23rd of January, 1940.*

Negotiations were continued in Washington after the arrival in that city on January 21st of a Canadian Delegation headed by Dr. G. D. Shelton, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The following is a statement issued by the Secretary of State of the United States on the arrival of the Canadian Delegation in Washington:

"We are glad to welcome Dr. Shelton, the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, and his colleagues, who have come to Washington for the purpose of continuing negotiations for a new treaty providing for the development of the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes Basin.

"Both Canada and the United States have been interested in this development for many years. The treaty which was negotiated covering this subject in 1932 met with certain objections, and as a result, both the Canadian Government and ourselves decided to reopen the negotiations on a new basis, looking forward to the conclusion of a new treaty dealing with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin as a whole.