

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

(1) To act as representative and resident Agent of the Dominion in the United Kingdom, and in that capacity to execute such powers and to perform such duties as may from time to time be conferred upon and assigned to him by the Governor in Council ;

(2) To take the charge, supervision and control of the Immigration offices and agencies in the United Kingdom, under the Minister of Agriculture ;

(3) To carry out such instructions as he may from time to time receive from the Governor in Council respecting the commercial, financial and general interests of the Dominion in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

A few days after this statute received the royal assent, Sir Alexander Galt was appointed high commissioner. He held the position until May 31, 1883, when Sir Charles Tupper, at that time a member of Sir John Macdonald's cabinet, was appointed to perform the duties of the office without salary, thus enabling him to retain his portfolio of Railways and Canals and his seat in the House of Commons. On May 23, 1884, Sir Charles withdrew from the Canadian government, and on the following day was appointed high commissioner in the usual manner. In January 1887 he resigned this office to re-enter the cabinet, this time as minister of Finance. He remained in the ministry until May 1888, when he returned to the high commissionership, which he held until January 1896, when he was called to be prime minister of the Dominion. Sir Charles was succeeded in the high commissionership by Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal.

THE AGENT OF CANADA IN PARIS

In the year 1882 the Hon. Hector Fabre, at that time a member of the Senate, having been selected by the government of the Province of Quebec to reside in Paris in order to promote their financial, commercial and other interests, the government of Canada commissioned him to act in a similar capacity as agent for the Dominion. Instructions furnished the agent on October 3, 1882, thus defined his duties :

' To spread information in France and on the continent of Europe regarding Canada, its resources and its advantages