

(c) to watch over Canada's interests in the country in which it is serving;

(d) to serve Canadians in the country;

(e) to act as an information bureau on Canadian affairs. In New York, Washington, London, Paris, and Canberra officers of the Canadian Information Service are attached to the mission for this purpose. In other missions it is the task of one of the Secretaries, and in places where there are no diplomatic representatives the trade commissioner or other Canadian government official stationed in the country do this work.

Departmental Organization at Ottawa

With the expansion of Canadian representation abroad the work of the Department at Ottawa has increased correspondingly.

Perhaps the most striking indication of the Department's growth is its budget. Departmental estimates have increased from \$17,423.58 in the fiscal year 1909-10 to \$624,041.53 in 1929-30 and to \$4,938,775.50 (with an additional War Appropriation of \$458,228.00) in 1945 - 1946.

Headquarters at Ottawa is traditionally the "East Block" of the Parliament Buildings.

The staff, on the top level, consists of an Under-Secretary with an Associate, and Assistant Under-Secretaries. These are assisted by officers of various grades with the titles, from senior to junior, of Counsellor, First Secretary, Second Secretary and Third Secretary.

The chart at the end of this paper shows the division of responsibilities within the Department.

The Political Divisions, under the direct supervision of the Associate Under-Secretary, divide their responsibilities chiefly along geographical lines. As at present constituted (1946), the First Political Division handles material relating to international organizations, peace treaties and special subjects of a related nature. The Second covers the British Commonwealth of Nations, Europe, Africa and the Near East. The Third is responsible for the handling of problems concerning the United States of America, the Far East and Latin America.

The Diplomatic Division handles all questions of protocol, the issuance of passports and other matters arising from the problems of the travelling public.

The Economic Division deals with such matters as civil aviation, UNRRA, the Food and Agriculture Organization and, in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Department of Finance, with all economic, trade and commercial problems of an international character. Interdepartmental action on economic matters which concern other governments is usually handled by this division.

With the extension of Canada's publicity and cultural-relations problems in foreign countries it was found necessary to establish an Information Division. This Division has a dual function -- to serve the missions abroad and to act as a receiving and distributing centre for information within the Department. It works in close liaison with the Canadian Information Service on whose committees it is represented, with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (International Service) and the National Film Board, and keeps in touch with the press at home. It is responsible for the issuing of departmental press releases.

The work of the Legal Division influences that of all the other divisions, since almost all foreign questions have a legal aspect.