

the Foreign Office will bespeak for Mr. Roy any assistance within the purview of the office of the British Ambassador at Paris, which it might be deemed expedient to extend to Mr. Roy from time to time”.

*8th July 1911.* In July 1911 the Secretary of State for the Colonies wrote out that before notifying Mr. Roy's appointment to the French Government, he would be glad to learn exactly what are the status and functions assigned to Mr. Roy. Mr. Harcourt reminds the Canadian Government that in the notification to the French Government of the appointment of Mr. Roy's predecessor in 1882 it was merely stated that Mr. Fabre was to represent certain interests of the Dominion in Paris. The Colonial Secretary also asks to be informed of the “exact English equivalent of Mr. Roy's French title”. On the 23rd October 1911 a Minute of Council was passed acquainting the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Canadian Government do not propose to vary the status and functions of Mr. Roy from those assigned to the late Mr. Fabre, and also pointing out that the nearest English equivalent of *Commissaire général du Canada* in France is “General Commissioner of Canada in France”.

In the earlier years of his tenure of office the late Mr. Fabre reported to the Secretary of State. Apparently these reports were not very frequent, for I find on the file a private letter from Mr. Chapleau, then Secretary of State, to Mr. Fabre, written in 1891, upbraiding him for not carrying out his instructions in this respect, and pointing out that the House of Commons could not be expected to vote money for his office if they were not informed of his doings. This censure apparently crossed a report from Mr. Fabre, which so far as I can ascertain, was the last he made. There never has been any certainty as to which Department of the Canadian Government his office was attached. After ceasing to communicate with the Secretary of State, I understand that the Department of Finance was supposed to exercise some jurisdiction over him, but it seems as if the only relation at any time existing between him and them is that that Department pays the salary. I understand that in certain respects Mr. Fabre recognized the supremacy of the High Commissioner's Office in London, but his status has always been more or less undefined and unsatisfactory.

[JOSEPH POPE]

13. *Secretary, Governor General, to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Sir,

Ottawa, November 17, 1911

I have the honour to enclose, for your information, a copy of a short memorandum on the subject of the reception by His Royal Highness of foreign Consuls General resident in Ottawa.

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