

remarked: "Because of the obvious advantage of close relationship between the Cabinet Secretariat and the Department of External Affairs there has nearly always been at least one officer of the latter department seconded to the Secretariat. There has also been very close contact between the Department and the Cabinet Secretariat since the appointment of a Secretary to the Cabinet in 1940. One obvious reason for this is the large volume of questions coming before the Cabinet which involve Canada's external relations. This close relationship will no doubt be further enhanced as a result of the appointment of the former Secretary to the Cabinet, Mr. A.D.P. Heeney, as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and the appointment of Mr. Norman Robertson, formerly one of Canada's senior career diplomats, to fill Mr. Heeney's former post of Secretary to the Cabinet." (1)

The role and status of the Department not only received recognition in this manner in connection with the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Secretariat, but also emerged into fuller light in connection with Parliament. The experiment of a Parliamentary under-secretary of external affairs, innovated during the First War, and resumed for a year in 1921, lapsed into desuetude during - and until

(1) R.B. Farrell: "The Planning of Foreign Policy in Canada": World Politics, Vol.1, No.3, April, 1949.