

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, New Zealand

The entry of Japan into the war and its effect on the war effort of New Zealand were questions for particular study, and were the subject of many reports to the Canadian Government by the High Commissioner, Mr. W. A. Riddell.

Negotiations were carried on regarding the representation of New Zealand at the British Commonwealth Air Training Conference in Ottawa and later in connection with the visit to Canada of the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Questions affecting the sale of Canadian products particularly difficulties arising out of the shortage of shipping, were given close attention. Canadian requirements of certain essential raw materials were also given attention.

Assistance has been given to Canadians resident in New Zealand, whether permanently or temporarily, and advice given to Canadian seamen and others desiring to return to Canada.

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, South Africa

The activities of the Office under the High Commissioner, Dr. H. Laureys, have continued to expand during 1942 and the office accommodation has been increased.

Circulars containing information on Canada have been sent to the principal newspapers throughout the Union, as well as to a number of private individuals. Similarly, films prepared by the National Film Board have been received and distributed to schools and various organizations.

Canadian citizens evacuated from the war areas in the Far East have been given assistance. The High Commissioner travelled to Lourenco Marques to meet the Canadians returning from Japan and China on the exchange ships.

Dr. Laureys attended the Parliamentary Session at Capetown from January to May and made a study of the legislation introduced. He has despatched numerous reports to Ottawa on political and economic conditions in South Africa and on military questions.

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Ireland

During the year the High Commissioner, Mr. John D. Kearney, submitted many reports on Irish questions, including national defence, labour and other questions. Particular attention was devoted to the attitude towards the war of the Irish Government and people. Legislation and regulations concerning wartime restrictions, price control and rationing were studied and detailed reports submitted on those aspects likely to be of particular interest to Canada.

The Office, in collaboration with the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Dublin, was instrumental in assisting numerous Canadians.

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Newfoundland

The greatly expanded operations of the Canadian Armed Forces based in Newfoundland have presented manifold and unprecedented problems which have actively engaged the attention of this Office. Close contact has been maintained with and ready co-operation has been received from the Commission of Government of Newfoundland.

As Newfoundland's normal trade has been greatly affected by wartime conditions, the Department of Trade and Commerce, on July 2nd, appointed Mr. R. P. Bower as Acting Trade Commissioner in order to assist in obtaining from Canada imports essential to Newfoundland and to report the constantly changing economic condition in the Island.

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