

Loring C. Christie

In Part I of this survey, reference was made to the services from 1913 to 1923 of Mr. Loring C. Christie as Legal Adviser, in the Department of External Affairs, to Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Arthur Meighen. A year after his resignation, Dr. O.D. Skelton was brought in to fill the gap, in the capacity of Counsellor; and the year following, in 1925, Pope retired and Dr. Skelton became Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Christie, after his decade of public service, spent the next decade or more engaged in business, and did not re-enter government service until 1935.

Christie's Intermission

Dropping out of official diplomatic affairs in 1923, Christie joined the merchant bankers' firm of Dunn, Fisher and Company in London, where he remained for about three years. In this connection he was a member of the Bondholders' Committee of Mexico North Western Railway, and a director of Cellulose Holding and Investment Company, a holding company interested in British Cellulose Ltd.

But while in England, he kept in very close touch with public men and affairs there and with scholars and writers on international affairs. Among the many important friends he had in these sets were Philip Kerr, (later Lord Lothian), Lionel Curtis, Lord Eustace Percy, Prof. Harold Laski, and others of the "commonwealth" group in England.

While in England, Christie was on the Council of the new British Institute of International Affairs,