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Britain, the best known portion of the Empire. Canada has, as promised, given of her best to conduct the affairs of the Dominion in this country, and the three High Commissioners who have already served her here - Sir Alexander Galt, Sir Charles Tupper, and Lord Strathcona - are all names to conjure with.

The High Commissioner's Office has performed useful service, and has gained a widespread influence. It has not only brought the Dominion prominently to the front in the most important centre in the world, but at the same time it has helped to educate the public mind as to other parts of the Empire. The almost triumphant reception recently extended to the newly appointed High Commissioner for Australia, at which Canadians rejoiced equally with their Australian cousins, was in vivid contrast to the indifference shown by the public, at least to the first High Commissioner for Canada; and, at the same time, enables us to gauge the great change in national feeling towards the great British communities overseas. (1)

Mr. Griffith remained as Secretary of the Office of the High Commissioner until the 1920's, even after the appointment by Mr. King of Mr. Fcaud as Assistant Secretary. In 1912 Sir Robert Borden, who sought to prevent the 92-year old High Commissioner, Lord Strathcona, from retiring, felt that perhaps additional staff might relieve him of some of his burdens. Borden has recorded: "During the autumn before his death he visited Canada, and I discussed with him then, as well as in the summer of 1912, his continuance as High Commissioner. On both occasions I strongly urged him to continue the discharge of his duties, and I offered him additional secretary or secretaries, to be selected by himself, and otherwise I assured him that any arrangement to lighten his labours would be willingly made by the Government." To Borden's letter of December 19, 1912, Strathcona replied on February 8, 1913: "You, with much generosity, offer to give me any additional clerical or other

(1) W.L. Griffith. The Dominion of Canada. pp.196-7.