

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. Canada was represented at the Preparatory Conference for the Second World Wheat Conference, held at Rome on the 26th March, 1931, by the High Commissioner in Great Britain assisted by Dr. W. A. Riddell, Mr. R. H. Coats and Mr. D. L. Smith as expert advisers.

2. At the Conference of Wheat Exporting Countries, held in London at Canada House on the 18th May, 1931, at the invitation of the Canadian Government, the High Commissioner in Great Britain headed the Canadian delegation which included Dr. W. A. Riddell and Lieut.-Col. G. P. Vanier.

3. At the Fifteenth Session of the International Labour Conference, held in Geneva from the 28th May to the 18th June, 1931, the Government of Canada was represented by the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, High Commissioner for Canada in Great Britain and Dr. W. A. Riddell, Canadian Government Advisory Officer, Geneva, assisted by Mr. V. A. Sinclair, Chairman of the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Board as adviser.

4. At the International Conference on the Limitation of the Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs, held in Geneva from the 27th May to the 13th July, 1931, Canada was represented by Dr. W. A. Riddell, Canadian Advisory Officer, Geneva, and Col. C. H. L. Sharman of the Department of Pensions and National Health.

5. The Nineteenth Session of the International Commission on Air Navigation was held in London on the 6th June, 1931. Lieut.-Col. G. P. Vanier, assisted by Squadron Leader R. S. Grundy, represented the Canadian Government.

6. At the Twelfth Assembly of the League of Nations, held in Geneva on September 7th to 29th, 1931, Canada was represented by the Hon. Hugh Guthrie, K.C., M.P., Minister of Justice, the Hon. C. P. Beaubien, Senator, and Mrs. H. P. Plumtre. The Hon. Martin Burrell, Parliamentary Librarian, the Hon. Philippe Roy, Minister at Paris, and Dr. W. A. Riddell, Canadian Advisory Officer, Geneva, served as alternate delegates. The report of the Canadian Delegation is being presented to Parliament.

7. Canada was represented at the Third Congress of the Pan-American Postal Union, held in Madrid on the 10th October, 1931, by the Hon. C. P. Beaubien, Senator.

The business of the Passport Office reflected the general slackening of business activity. For the year ending December 31, 1931, there were issued 25,290 new passports 3,139 renewals. The income derived from passport fees amounted to \$132,519.47. Visas granted during the year number 244, and the revenue therefrom amounted to \$458.

It gives me pleasure to express my satisfaction with the manner in which the various members of the staff have discharged their duties.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

O. D. SKELTON,
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.