

is now in London. He has had long experience in Japan and Holland, and is a level-headed, careful fellow. He served in the last war and is a bachelor. If the Danish supply-ship "Julius Thomsen" now at Kirkwall, is to be sent out to Greenland shortly, with a British guard on board, it would seem possible to have Kirkwood go to Greenland direct on her. Porsild, a native of Greenland, now in Mines and Resources, who is said to be a competent man and who knows Eskimo as well as Danish, could perhaps remain as assistant to Kirkwood and supply the local and language knowledge required.

Order-in-Council P.C. 2111 dated May 21, 1940, provided for the establishment of a Canadian Consulate in Greenland (and also in Paris and Tokyo), and that:

"under the authority of External Affairs vote, - Representation Abroad - K.P. Kirkwood, Esquire, of the External Affairs Service, be appointed Consul and A.E. Porsild, Esquire, of the Department of Mines and Resources, be appointed Vice-Consul in Greenland. . . , and that appropriate steps be taken to submit these consular establishments and appointments to His Majesty the King for approval. (1)

On the same date a telegram was despatched to Kirkwood in London appointing him and instructing him to sail immediately by the Danish vessel "Julius Thomsen" being detained at Kirkwall.

Form of Accreditation

On May 21st a telegram was sent to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, intimating the proposed appointment and saying:

(1) Ibid.