

immunity from the jurisdiction of the courts, and exemption from direct taxation where such exemption is administratively feasible.

All diplomatic privileges and immunities are granted in Canada on the understanding that equivalent treatment will be granted to Canadian representatives abroad. The Department, therefore, endeavoured to ensure that Canadian representatives abroad enjoyed the same protection and courtesies as were accorded to the representatives of other governments in Canada. This question of reciprocity is sometimes a complex one, owing to differences in legislative, administrative and other conditions as between different countries.

Other Functions

In connection with the provision made by Parliament for the extension of hospitality by the Government of Canada to visiting Heads of State and other dignitaries from abroad, arrangements were made for special protection, transportation and accommodation, ceremonial, guards of honour, state dinners and other ceremonies for a number of distinguished visitors. It is of interest to note that Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, who visited Ottawa in October, was invited to address the assembled members of both Houses of Parliament. The number of distinguished visitors who were guests of the Government of Canada during the past year was unusually large. A partial list of these visitors is given below.

The Protocol Division also dealt with communications from foreign governments relating to offers to Canadian citizens of foreign honours and awards. It maintained a register of the diplomatic and non-diplomatic personnel of other governments in Canada, and issued identity cards to such personnel. In accordance with international custom, and as an assistance to the police and other officials in extending appropriate courtesies, special automobile markers were issued to persons of diplomatic status.

The division prepared for publication quarterly the Canadian diplomatic list, and the current list of Canadian representatives abroad and representatives of other countries in Canada.

Diplomatic and Consular Representation in Canada

The number of countries having diplomatic representation in Canada was raised to thirty-two by the exchange of missions with Pakistan. The present total comprises fourteen embassies, seven high commissioners' offices and eleven legations.

Consulates general were established, by Israel and by Austria, at Montreal and Ottawa respectively; and the number of foreign countries having consular, but not diplomatic, representation in