

ability. As Mr. King said: "The late Dr. Skelton, having held at one time the position which he did at Queen's University, having taken the interest that he did at all times in students, made a point of endeavouring to discover young men in different parts of the country who would be well suited to the Canadian public service. He did what he could to encourage the best of them to try the examinations, and, as far as he could, enlisted their services subsequently." (1)

So well selected and so successfully trained were they, that Dr. Skelton, before his death, had the satisfaction of seeing several of his officers attain the topmost positions in the diplomatic career. Jean Desy became Minister to Belgium and the Netherlands in 1939; Loring Christie became Minister at Washington in 1939; H.L. Keenleyside, and E.D. McGreer, were Chargés d'Affaires in Tokyo; P. Dupuy had been Chargé d'Affaires in France, and to the Allied Government-in-exile in London; K.P. Kirkwood in 1940, having been Chargé d'Affaires in the Netherlands at the time of the German invasion, became first Canadian Consul in Greenland. J.S. Macdonald was Acting Under-Secretary from April to July, 1937; Norman Robertson, well-groomed by Dr. Skelton, stepped into his place immediately on his demise.

(1) H. of C. Debates, February 25, 1941, p. 1009.