

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

The Honourable Paul Martin Secretary of State for External Affairs

The Honourable Paul Martin, P.C., Q.C., M.P., was born on June 23, 1903, at Ottawa, Ontario, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ernest Martin.

In 1925 Mr. Martin took a B.A. (Honours) degree at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, where he taught for the next three years while concurrently studying law and pursuing post-graduate work in the Faculty of Arts. In 1928 he received his M.A. from the University of Toronto and graduated in law from Osgoode Hall, Toronto. As Jones Scholar he attended Harvard University, where he received the Master of Laws degree in 1929. The following year, having won the Wilder Fellowship, he studied at Trinity College, Cambridge University, England. He then proceeded on a Zimmern Scholarship to the School of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, for six months.

On his return to Canada in 1930, Mr. Martin joined a law firm in Windsor, Ontario. From 1931 to 1934 he was also Lecturer in Political Science at Assumption College which was then a part of the University of Western Ontario. In 1934 he became senior partner of the law firm of Martin, Laird, Easton and Cowan and was appointed King's Counsel in 1937.

Mr. Martin's first election to the House of Commons was in 1935 for the federal riding of Essex East in Western Ontario, which he has represented continuously since that time.

His early interest in international affairs found practical expression in 1936 when he was selected as Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the World Youth Congress in Geneva. Two years later he became an official delegate to the Nineteenth Assembly of the League of Nations.

In 1943 Mr. Martin was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour. In this capacity he was Chairman of the Canadian Government delegation to the International Labour Conference in Philadelphia in May 1944, and delegate to the 94th Conference of the I.L.O. Governing Body in London, England, early in the following year.

Mr. Martin was a government delegate to the first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in London and in New York in 1946, and to the fourth, seventh and ninth sessions in New York in 1949, 1952, 1953 and 1954.