

As already stated, most of the foreign consular representatives were local persons designated to perform some consular duties, and would be now termed "honorary consuls" or "consular agents". The foreign consuls de carrière, of more senior rank, were much fewer in the early days of the Department. In 1911 two Consuls General were appointed; in 1912, three; in 1913, two career Consuls, and in 1914, two.

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1910, there were 304 foreign consuls general, consuls and consular agents established in Canada of which 112 were agents of the United States of America. The main centres where foreign consuls were located were Montreal (3), Victoria and Vancouver (23), Toronto (18) and Ottawa (10). Halifax also had a good quota.<sup>\*</sup> It was natural that the seaport cities would have a good proportion of consuls to take care of their immigrant nationals, their commercial travellers and businessmen, the formalities of shipping, and the problems of seamen. It was also natural that, acting as trade agents, the most flourishing commercial cities like Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver would be centres for foreign consuls or agents concerning themselves with trade relations and commercial information. By 1919-20 the total foreign consular representation listed by the Department had risen to 389, of which 93 were agents of the United States.

The work involved in the Department of External Affairs in connection with the appointment and recognition of foreign consuls in Canada, - which entailed

<sup>\*</sup> Curiously enough Gaspé was a favourite place for Consuls in the early days and quite a number of countries had Consuls there. (Annual Report, 1910).