

it may be recorded that in 1953 the Government of Ontario considered opening an office in Düsseldorf, Germany, to assist German manufacturers who might wish to open branch plants in Ontario. On April 29, 1953, the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa instructed the Canadian Mission in Bonn that if it received enquiries from the German Government or elsewhere about the proposal, it should explain that provincial governments were free to establish such offices if they so desired, and that the office would in no way be connected with the Federal Government of Canada. In 1954, however, the Industrial Commissioner for Ontario in London, Mr. Richard Stapleford, told Mr. Starnes of the Canadian Embassy at Bonn that the Ontario Government were thinking of having their representative in Germany accredited as a member of the staff of the Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy, under the general supervision of the Ambassador. This would have raised quite a different question from the proposal to establish an independent office. No further action, however, appears to have taken place in this matter. (1)

(1) Departmental Confidential Memorandum. June 8, 1954.