

Whatever the criteria which have guided the selection and organization of the material, readers may rest assured that, subject to considerations of space, no documents have been omitted if it was felt that they would throw light upon Canada's external relations. The editor has had access to all documents of the period and has been under no restrictions in their selection and publication. Most of the documents are from the files of the Department of External Affairs and are hitherto unpublished. Much use has been made of particular collections of papers which are now partly or wholly in the Public Archives of Canada. These include the papers of the Governors General; of the Prime Ministers (Sir Robert Borden, Arthur Meighen and W. L. Mackenzie King); and of Departmental officials (Sir Joseph Pope, Loring C. Christie and Oscar D. Skelton).

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