

Australia

On November 3, 1939, it was announced that the Governor General-in-Council had appointed Mr. C. J. Burchell to the post of High Commissioner in Australia. Announcement was also made of the intention to appoint Dr. W.A. Riddell to the post of High Commissioner in New Zealand, Mr. John Hall Kelly to Ireland, and Dr. Henry Laureys to be High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa. (1)

Charles J. Burchell, K.C., M.A., LL.B., was born in Sydney, Cape Breton on July 1, 1876, and was educated at Sydney Academy, and Dalhousie University, (B.A. 1897, M.A., LL.B. 1899). He was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in April, 1899, and to the Bar of Quebec in January, 1911; he became a King's Counsel in the Province of Nova Scotia in 1909. From 1899 to 1922 he was a partner in a succession of legal firms. In 1929 he was Chairman of a Committee on Merchant Shipping Legislation at the Conference on the Operation of Dominion Legislation and Merchant Shipping Legislation held in London; and was also a member of the Canadian Delegation at the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations held at Shanghai in 1931, and at the British-Commonwealth Relations Conference held in Toronto in 1933. He was partner in his own firm of barristers and solicitors in Halifax, and was a director of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation Ltd., the Dominion Coal Company, Ltd., and Moirs Ltd.

(1) External Affairs Annual Report, 1939.