

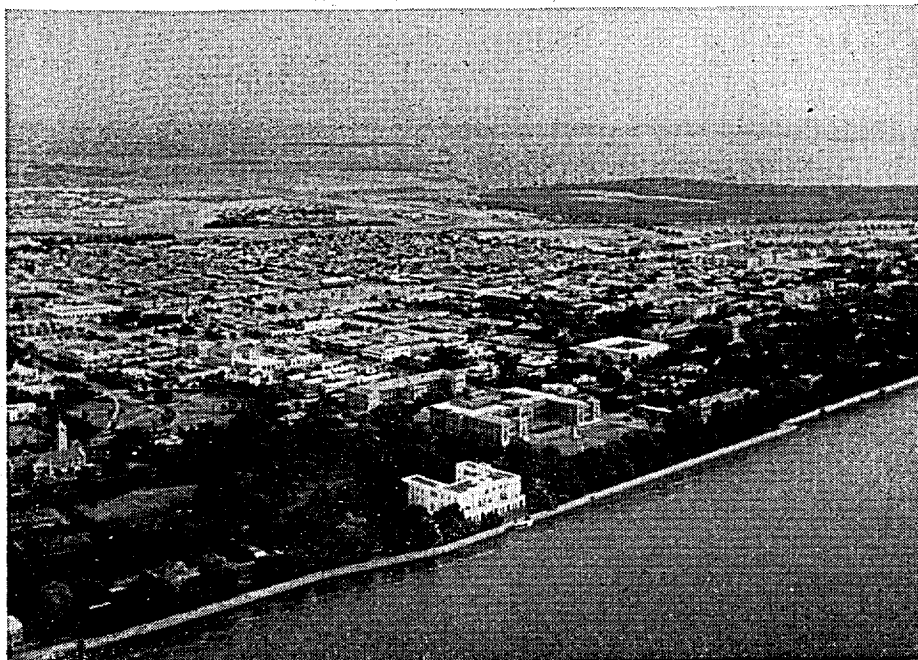
Canadian Recognition of Sudan

Following a decision for sovereign status taken by the Sudanese House of Representatives on December 19, 1955, the independence of the Sudan was formally recognized on January 1, 1956, by the governments of the United Kingdom and Egypt. These two countries had exercised a *condominium* over the Sudan since 1899. Canadian recognition of the new state of the Sudan was extended on January 6 in a telegram of congratulations from the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, to the Prime Minister of the Sudan, Mr. Ismail el Azhari, as follows:

“On behalf of the Government and people of Canada I extend my warmest felicitations on the achievement of independence by the Sudan. The progress of the people of the Sudan towards full government has been followed with sympathetic interest in Canada. It is a source of much satisfaction to me to be able to join in welcoming the Sudan into the comity of sovereign nations and to offer sincere best wishes for the happy and prosperous future of your country.”

Mr. Ismail el Azhari replied to Mr. St. Laurent, as follows:

“On behalf of the people and Government of the Sudan I heartily thank you for your warm message of felicitations on the occasion of Sudan's independence and send you and the people of Canada our most sincere wishes for your well being, happiness and prosperity.”



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