

It is scandalous that Canadian newspapers of rank should seek to disparage Mr. Christie by belittling him as "an obscure official" of the Department of External Affairs, and that sort of thing. If the history of Canada for the last twenty-five years is ever accurately written, Loring Christie's name will be bracketed with that of Sir Robert Borden as joint originators of policies which contributed powerfully to Canada's emergence into nationhood. When he went to Washington as Minister, he was not going into strange territory; but was returning to a field with which he became familiar by means of years of service in the United States Department of State in a position of responsibility with which he was entrusted despite his Canadian citizenship. Part of the equipment which he carried to Washington was personal acquaintance with American public officials of high position - including one, Franklin D. Roosevelt.*

Death

In April Christie's condition rapidly deteriorated, apparently from the result of another blood-clot in March; and he did not survive this attack. He died at the Rockefeller Hospital on April 8, 1941, at the age of 56. (1)

"His going now", commented the Ottawa Evening Journal, "in the noon-day of his life, is a heavy loss for Canada. For this country has grave need, as democracy will always have need, for men of the heart, intelligence and ideals of Loring Christie. There is compensation only in the thought that the example of high character and devotion

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