

functions did not stop at home; every Prime Minister found it necessary to undertake diplomatic missions abroad, both to the United States and overseas. In foreign affairs he had increasingly heavy responsibilities, as the following pages will indicate.

Sir Robert Borden and External Affairs

For a decade - 1911 to 1921 - Sir Robert Borden was Prime Minister; and after the new Act of 1912, he was also Secretary of State for External Affairs. He considered the two positions as inseparable, as Mr. Mackenzie King was later to declare to the House of Commons. (1)

The overriding role of the Prime Minister in all governmental formulation of external policy has

(1) H. of C. Debates, July 12, 1943. p. 4670