

House about the assignment to the Belgian Mission of a seconded officer for quasi-consular work.

As you can see the good news of liberation is coming in faster than our preparations for it. Despite all difficulties we feel it important that elements of Canadian Mission should accompany each of the Allied Governments in their return to their liberated territories. This will involve a good deal of improvisation and, often, entirely temporary assignments. In present instance Prime Minister thinks it especially appropriate that you should accompany first of the Governments to which you are accredited which will be returning to its homeland. Ends.

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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

Ottawa, September 9, 1944

Herewith is a submission[†] for your signature, asking the King's approval of Mr. Turgeon's appointment as Ambassador to Belgium.

You will remember that when Mr. Dupong, the Prime Minister of Luxemburg was in Ottawa last winter you told him that, though you did not think it advisable to accredit our Chargé d'Affaires in London to the Luxemburg Government in Exile, you would consider accrediting our next Ambassador to Belgium as Minister to Luxemburg as well. I have, therefore, prepared a supplementary submission[†] designating Mr. Turgeon as Minister to Luxemburg in addition to being Ambassador to Belgium.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to High Commissioner in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 2172

Ottawa, October 5, 1944

Following for Dupuy, Begins: Please request Belgian Government's agrément to appointment of Honourable William Ferdinand Alphonse Turgeon as Canadian Ambassador to Belgium.

Mr. Turgeon was until recently Canadian Ambassador to Mexico and before that was Canadian Minister to Argentina and Chile. He is a Member of the King's Privy Council for Canada and prior to 1941 was Chief Justice of the Province of Saskatchewan and Attorney General of that Province.