

For this reason I have assumed the burden, one which I believe is heavier than any one would wish to assume, unless he thought that in doing so he would serve some really helpful and useful purpose. Everything considered, I think it has been just as well not to have the change made at the present time. However, I do agree entirely with my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition that in a subsequent parliament whoever may have to do with these different positions would be wise, if he were to seek a minister to fill the portfolio of external affairs, with duties apart altogether from those of the Prime Minister. (1)

In 1945, during a debate on the United Nations Charter, Mr. Graydon declared:

The Department is growing in size and in importance. If ever a department needed a separate Minister, it is the Department of External Affairs. I would point out that not only is there no separate Minister for External Affairs, but there is no parliamentary assistant for this great department which has developed so fast in recent years. It is not enough to have a Department of External Affairs which is a lean-to to the Prime Minister's House so far as parliamentary institutions are concerned. I want to emphasize to this House the importance of having the government so organized that this department shall be something more than it is today. (2)

(1) H. of C. Debates, 1944, Vol.V., pp.4940-4941.

(2) H. of C. Debates, October 16, 1945, p.1206.