

". . . As regards the letters from Lionel Curtis and Philip Kerr which I enclosed with my letters to you of the 22nd and 23rd March, I have sent them to no one else and have no authority to circulate them. Philip Kerr is in frequent touch with Mr. Lloyd George. . ." (1)

These are among various examples of the manner in which Christie, although out of office, maintained contact with his former chiefs in private correspondence on political, international and imperial topics which he kept an active interest in while in London. How far they influenced Borden and Meighen in their own views is impossible to say; in any case Borden had retired from political life and Meighen was plunged into it mainly on a dramatic domestic issue of constitutional procedure, and thereafter ceased to participate in parliamentary debates on international affairs.

Return to Canada

Tiring of England at last, and restless to return to Canada, as he wrote in various private letters to Borden and others, Christie came back in 1926. He considered several invitations to join outstanding industrial corporations as a legal adviser or public relations counsel, and finally accepted a position with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario at Toronto, where, from 1927 to 1929, he was Special Assistant to the Chairman, Mr. C.A. McGrath. From 1929 to 1935 he moved into a position with the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, at

(1) Borden Papers. Letters to Christie (2). Folder 59.