

This brief review of the diplomatic expansion abroad, parallel to the expansion of the Department in Ottawa, - a combination of cause and effect in both directions - has unavoidably carried the story in some cases somewhat beyond the strict limit of this Second Part of this Survey. A certain part of the expansion noted occurred for the most part between 1926 and the first two years of the Second World War, i.e., during the Skelton epoch, to 1941. Toward the latter part of that period, however, consideration had been given to further expansion, and plans were prepared and were under government consideration. A number of these new posts were not actually opened until 1942-44; but the comprehensive review would be artificially curtailed and incomplete if these were not briefly mentioned here, even at the risk of projecting it beyond the period of this study. Although Dr. Skelton's sudden death in January, 1941, terminated a personal period in the Department, the War continued in its momentum; the diplomatic expansion was a portion of Canada's war activities, and instead of being interrupted in 1941 was speeded up. It was a continuation and fulfilment of the plans prepared by Dr. Skelton, and contemplated in his message to H.H. Wrong in 1930. (1)

(1) See page 48).