

portfolio of Justice, which he continues to hold, he has taken from my shoulders and is carrying, for the time being at least, the increasingly heavy responsibilities which belong to the office of Secretary of State for External Affairs.

I have already made it known that in such reorganization of the Ministry as I may deem it advisable to make, and which will be made before Parliament reassembles, the Department of External Affairs will be given a Minister who will be in a position to devote his time, more or less exclusively, to intra-commonwealth and international affairs. With the reorganization thus affected, I hope Mr. St. Laurent may find it possible yet for some time to come to continue to give to our country in its parliament, and to the world in the arena of international affairs, the benefit of his exceptional talents and his very great wisdom and experience.

Serving for "the duration"

Lest Mr. St. Laurent should feel that in being unwilling to part with him as a colleague at any time, I am overlooking what was understood when it was agreed between us that he was entering the Ministry only for the duration of the war, let me tell him of a little incident