

The Rt. Hon. Sir Lyman Duff, P.C., G.C.M.G., Deputy Governor General, then spoke as follows:

Mr. Minister:

I am greatly pleased to receive the Letter of Credence by which His Excellency the President of the Republic of Chile accredits you as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada. The establishment in Canada of a Legation of Chile is greeted with the utmost cordiality, and I extend to you, as the first diplomatic representative of the Republic of Chile in Canada, a very warm welcome. I am particularly pleased to greet you here on the eve of the anniversary in Chile of your country's Independence Day.

I reciprocate in fullest measure the generous references you make to Canada and to our contribution to world progress, and to our support of the principles of democracy. I look forward to the opportunity, which your presence here affords, of our two countries considering together the solution of problems which face the democratic and freedom-loving nations of the world in these critical days.

I share the desire you express on behalf of His Excellency the President of Chile, and on your own behalf, for the development of closer relations between our two countries. It is the earnest wish of the Government of Canada to maintain and to strengthen the ties of friendship which have always existed between Chile and Canada, and I assure you of the whole-hearted co-operation of the Canadian Government in the discharge of duties of your important mission.

2. Presentation of Letter of Credence by Dr. Frantisek Pavlasek, Minister of Czechoslovakia, August 14, 1942.

Dr. Frantisek Pavlasek presented at 12.45 p.m. to-day to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House the Letter of Credence by which the President of the Czechoslovak Republic accredits him as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada.

Dr. Pavlasek has been Consul General of the Czechoslovak Republic at Montreal since 1934. Prior to this appointment he was in the Czechoslovak Ministry for Foreign Affairs and had also served as Czechoslovak Consul in London from 1921 to 1930.

Mr. Norman Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, presented Dr. Pavlasek to His Excellency the Governor General. The new Minister delivered a short address to which His Excellency replied. Mr. W.H. Measures, of the Department of External Affairs, was also present and members of the Governor General's staff were in attendance.