

CHAPTER XVII

BRITISH CONSULS

17.01 For many years British Consuls have been performing consular functions on behalf of all members of the British Commonwealth. Consequent upon the recognition of the changed status of Canada by the Imperial Conference of 1926, it has become possible to set up diplomatic and consular offices abroad. In fact, it was not until the exigencies of the War of 1939 - 1945 required such action that the first Canadian consular office separate from a diplomatic office came into existence.

17.02 Canada has its own legislation with respect to citizenship, immigration, etc., and has its own policies with respect to commercial matters so that it is no longer appropriate to expect British Consuls to function on behalf of Canadian interests, except where such interests are limited in extent.

17.03 a. In countries where there is no Canadian representative and in sections of large countries in which it is difficult to communicate with the Canadian representative, British Consular Officers will continue to act on behalf of Canada.

b. In districts where there is a British Consul as well as a Canadian office the latter will ordinarily perform all Canadian consular functions. However, in such matters as shipping,

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