

former conference attendance. He attended a Conference on Transatlantic Air Services held in Ottawa from November 22 to December 2, 1935, and resumed from December 5 to December 12 in Washington. At the Sixteenth Assembly of the League of Nations, held in Geneva from June 30 to July 4, 1936, at which the Italo-Ethiopian dispute was the main subject of discussion, Christie joined Dr. W.A. Riddell as technical advisers to the Canadian Delegation.

In 1939, on the illness which ended in death of Sir Herbert Marler at the very outbreak of the Second World War, Christie was urgently appointed (September 25, 1939) as Canadian Minister to Washington, a post of key importance at that critical time both to Ottawa and to London, and where he already had so many old influential American friends.

By coincidence, his old friend Lord Lothian was almost simultaneously appointed British Ambassador to Washington; and as co-belligerents in the neutral United States, they had a common and mutual task.

Philip Kerr

There seems to be no question that, of all the intimate political friends that Loring Christie had and profited by, besides Sir Robert Borden himself, one of the most important was Philip Kerr, later to be Private Secretary to Mr. Lloyd George, and then, as Lord Lothian, to be British Ambassador in Washington.

What discussions on Imperial and Commonwealth policy Christie and Kerr had in London in the mid-twenties, Christie faithfully reported and commented on to Sir