

the proposal with interest but that they had not yet had an opportunity of completing their examination of the question of further development of the Canadian Diplomatic Service on a reciprocal basis.

A reciprocal arrangement being out of the question for the present, the point is what reply we should make to the Brazilian proposal to establish a Legation here. [*say reciprocal arrangement not possible at present but Canadian government quite prepared to have Brazilian Legislation established in Canada if so desired by Brazilian government—with, however, no undertaking or understanding as to when Canadian Legation to be established in Brazil*]¹

3. Haiti

Some weeks ago Sir Herbert Marler stated that the Haitian Minister in Washington called on him and informed him that his Government desired to accredit a Minister Plenipotentiary to Ottawa by means of accrediting the same Minister as served in Washington. The Government of Haiti would adopt an office in Ottawa, which in the main would be directed by a Charge d'Affaires. The Minister himself would spend some time in Canada. This, it was understood, was more or less the plan adopted by Canada in respect to the Legations in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Sir Herbert was informed that the question would be given early consideration. For Sir Herbert's information it was stated that in the event of extending diplomatic services to one or two countries in Latin America, it was probable that it would be desired so far as Canada was concerned, to make the first appointments in larger countries; also that the implication that the suggested arrangement was parallel to Canada's arrangements as regards Belgium and the Netherlands was not well-founded, as it was definitely understood that the Canadian Minister's time would be equally divided between the Belgian and the Netherlands legations.

A few weeks later an article appeared in *LE DROIT* of Ottawa, stating that the Haitian Republic was to open a permanent legation shortly under the same Minister as at Washington, and that the legation would be under the direction of Philippe Cantave, who had already been named Chargé d'Affaires. Mr. Cantave, I understand, is President of the Canada-Haiti Export and Import Company of Montreal.

The first question is whether we should or should not indicate our willingness to receive a Minister from this Republic. In the event of the Government wishing to decide to do so, the second question would be whether we should agree to the appointment of the Washington Minister on the understanding he would spend only a few weeks of the year in Canada. We have several times in the past refused similar arrangements. We could not object to any country appointing a single Minister for the two countries, if he would divide his time approximately equally between the two.

¹ Commentaire entre crochets par W. L. Mackenzie King.
Comment in square brackets by W. L. Mackenzie King.