

ceeding months, making with the Consulate General in New York a total of eight consular posts in the United States outside the capital at Washington.

It will, therefore, be seen that in the course of the next twelve months it may be expected that there will be more than forty Canadian diplomatic offices abroad doing Canadian consular work. This will call for an addition of some twenty-five to thirty-five officers of rank equivalent to that of F.S.O. Beyond that it is scarcely possible to forecast; it seems, however, more and more likely that wherever there is substantial Canadian consular work to be done it will be proper for the Department to assume the responsibility, which will in some measure at least depend upon the extension of Canadian trade and shipping into world markets.

### *Duties General*

It is desirable here to set out in general what a Consul does; reference will be made later to particular and detailed duties. The tasks of the Consul vary in some measure with his particular location; i.e., whether he is a member of a diplomatic mission situated at a capital, or at a post outside the capital in a country where a diplomatic mission is established, or at a post in a country where he is the only representative of his own country.

Wherever he may be, he is the representative of Canada. "Whether he is assigned to a large or small country, the majority of people who have never visited his own land will judge the nation by its representative; just as surely as those who have visited it will be quick to notice if he lacks the right qualifications." (Sir G. Campbell 'Of True Experience'). His representational responsibilities are the same as those of any other Foreign Service Officer of equivalent rank.

It is impossible to lay too much emphasis on this representational aspect. Whenever he is the officer in charge of his post, he must take his place as the recognized and accredited leader of the local Canadian community. It is his duty to promote satisfactory relations and to report all matters of interest to the Government of Canada occurring within his allotted territory.

### *Requirements General*

There are three classes of consular officers:

- Consuls General,
- Consuls,
- Vice-Consuls.

### *Consuls General*

Since Consuls General will usually be appointed by ministerial selection rather than by Civil Service process, this paper does not discuss their duties, qualifications, or emoluments.

### *Consuls Duties*

To represent Canada at a post abroad, to promote Canadian interests in the country to which he is posted, to maintain registers of Canadians living in the area under his jurisdiction, to encourage Canadian tourist trades, to handle applications for immigration to Canada, to prepare political and commercial reports, to look after the interests of Canadian Merchant Seamen and shipping abroad, to issue travel