

The Hon. Sir George Halsey Perley, K.C.M.G.

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In October, 1916, Sir George Perley was appointed the first Minister of Overseas Military Forces of Canada, organised the new Department, and carried on the duties until the arrival of Sir Edward Kemp, in December of the following year.

Sir George, then a member of the Canadian Government, was in this country on the outbreak of the War, and acted as High Commissioner until his appointment to that office in October, 1917. For some time previous to this therefore the work of the dual offices of Overseas Minister and High Commissioner in London rested on his shoulders.