

Diplomatic correspondence has taken place between the Government of Canada and the French Republic and reports have been addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the following, among other, subjects: French customs classification of Canadian products, private claims against the Government of France, the seizure of ships and their cargoes at St. Pierre and Miquelon, regulations affecting the importation of Canadian wheat into France, double taxation of banks and industrial concerns, the introduction of a system of import quotas and its effects on Canadian exports to France, the allocation of radio lengths on the continent of Europe, fishing rights and regulations, and the revision and denunciation of the Treaty of Commerce of 1922.

In various formal and informal ways, attention has been given to international ceremonies, official visits, the issue of diplomatic and courtesy visas, and the extension of courtesies to private visitors from Canada to France. The permanent colony of Canadians, resident in France, and the numerous company of students continuing their studies in Paris, have come to rely on the Legation for advice and assistance in many fields where quasi-consular aid is needed.

During the year the staff of the Legation supplemented the Canadian representation at several conferences, including the Twelfth Assembly of the League of Nations which the Minister attended as a member of the Canadian Delegation. Members of the staff of the Legation attended as observers the proceedings of many of the International conferences held in Paris contemporaneously with the International Colonial Exposition.

Tokyo

The prevailing economic depression, aggravated in the Far East by the low price of silver, catastrophic floods in the Yangtse Valley, and unsettled political conditions, has restricted the development of Canadian export trade to the Orient in spite of concerted efforts of the Minister and Trade Commissioners. Investigations under way or completed deal with the potential market for Canadian wheat, flour, fish, fruit, dairy products, and newsprint. These enquiries, resulting from the close and effective cooperation of all Canadian offices in the Orient, will, it is expected, lead to an extension of markets in the Far East as soon as conditions there permit.

The growing interest of Canadians in the possibilities of trade expansion in the Orient has enabled the Legation to increase its usefulness as a source of accurate and detailed information relative to the social and economic situation which conditions further the development of Canadian business in the Far East. Enquiries from Canadian individuals and organizations have received the careful attention of the Minister and steps have been taken to introduce a wider appreciation of Canadian business opportunities in trading and commercial circles in Japan.

During the past year diplomatic correspondence has arisen between the Government of Canada and Japan and reports have been addressed to the Government of Canada on the following matters: the regulations governing, and the returns received from, the seal fisheries in which Canada has a monetary interest; the obtaining of licences allowing Canadian physicians to practice in