

who have had the closest association with Doctor Skelton during those seventeen years could begin to know what his life meant to the public service of this country. Selfless and self-effacing labour, the highest integrity, and the enlightened use of whatever leisure was granted to him were the measure of his devotion to his native land. Throughout the many tributes that were paid to his work and his memory there ran the theme of his modesty, his kindness and the example he set and created for the young men who grew up with him in the diplomatic service of the department of which he was the permanent head. It is impossible for me to express in words what I owe to his wisdom, his experience, his counsel and his faithful friendship." (1)

The contribution of Dr. Skelton to Canadian history in its international relationships, to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers in Ottawa, and to the Civil Service, may be left for others to describe. His contribution to the development of the Department of External Affairs has already been indicated. Unlike his predecessor, Sir Joseph Pope, who was not concerned with advisory policy-making, Dr. Skelton, like Loring Christie, was deeply connected with policy-making, not only in the foreign field but in domestic matters as well. Under Sir Joseph Pope, the Department, which he had helped to create, remained relatively static; but under Dr. Skelton, largely through the pressure of circumstances and war, the Department **rapidly** expanded. Dr. Skelton guided it; and selected

(1) H. of C. Debates, February 17, 1941. p.818.