

supplies from Denmark and intercourse has now been suspended, the Canadian Government considered it should assist in maintaining the economic life of the island. The steamship Nascopie, which is regularly used in the Canadian eastern Arctic patrol, was despatched on a special voyage with supplies to Greenland. It arrived last week and will shortly bring back a return cargo.

We have thought it desirable that our government should be continuously informed on the situation in Greenland and be in a position to discuss with the local authorities there any questions that might arise. Steps have been taken to appoint a consul and vice-consul to Greenland. Mr. Kenneth P. Kirkwood, until recently first secretary at The Hague, has been appointed consul to Greenland and has already taken up his post there. Mr. Kirkwood, who was born in Brampton, Ontario, and is a graduate of the University of Toronto, after serving in the last War, first in the infantry and later in the air force, and working in the Far East, entered the External Affairs service in 1928. He was stationed at Washington and Tokyo before being appointed to The Hague. Mr. A.E. Porsild, who was born in Greenland and is a member of the staff at the Department of Mines and Resources, has been appointed vice-consul. The United States has also appointed consular representatives in Greenland. (1)

K.P. Kirkwood, First Secretary and Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., of the Canadian Legation in The Hague who had been transferred with the Netherlands Court and Government, and other Allied diplomats, to London following the German occupation of Holland, was appointed as Canadian Consul to Greenland, and sailed, on 24 hours notice, by a Danish-Greenland steamer the "Julius Thomsen" from Kirkwall for

(1) H. of C. Debates, June 11, 1940, p.656.