

"The Canadian diplomatic service is still small in numbers and facilities; only the foundations have been laid in this first period of growth. Missions abroad are few; the service at home is still not of sufficient size fully to cope with the responsibilities suddenly thrust upon it. The relative newness and smallness of the service have had advantages and disadvantages. There is no long line of distinguished secretaries of state for external affairs; the point has not been reached when the portfolio of external affairs has been held separately from the prime ministership. Control over Canadian external relations has been too recently achieved to give the diplomatic service a sense of intimate familiarity with and a deep knowledge of diplomacy and foreign affairs. The members of the service are young in years, and some of them, in experience. On the other hand, no rooted and rigid traditions have been established and preserved by the permanent officialdom of the Department of External Affairs, and its members are characterized not only by considerable ability and a freshness and originality of outlook but by the absence of the less attractive features usually attributed to diplomats. The practice common to the diplomatic service of most