

His Excellency the Governor General then replied as follows:

Mr. Minister:

It affords me great pleasure to receive in the name of His Majesty The King the Letter of Credence by which the President of the Republic of Poland accredits you as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Ottawa.

I thank you for the good wishes which you have expressed on behalf of the Polish Government to me, and to the Government and people of Canada. These generous sentiments are, I assure you, reciprocated in full measure.

Knowing well your qualities of heart and mind, I welcome your appointment as the first diplomatic representative of Poland in Canada, and I assure you of the continued co-operation and assistance of the Canadian Government in your capacity of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

The Canadian Government welcomes the establishment of a Polish Legation at Ottawa as a means of effecting closer relations with the Government of Poland in the comradeship which our countries share in the present war. The Canadian people have seen with sympathy and admiration the heroic resistance which the people of Poland have made against German aggression and they see with pride the fight which the indomitable Polish forces are continuing to wage, through all the vicissitudes of the struggle, by land, by sea and in the air until victory is achieved.

4. General W. Sikorski arrived in Ottawa on March 31, 1942, and was met by the Prime Minister of Canada. He and some members of his staff were guests of the Governor General at Government House, where a dinner was given in General Sikorski's honour that evening. General Sikorski and Count Raczynski were received by the Prime Minister of Canada on the afternoon of March 31.

The next day, Mr. Victor Podoski, Minister of Poland gave a luncheon at the Country Club in honour of the Prime Minister of Poland, and General Sikorski visited the exhibition of Contemporary Polish Art at the National Gallery.

General Sikorski was accompanied to Ottawa by:

Count Edward Raczynski, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Colonel Leon Mitkiewicz, Acting Chief of Staff,  
and Count Michael Potulicki, Legal Adviser of the  
Polish Foreign Office.

Lt. Colonel Janusz Ilinski, Polish Liaison Officer at Ottawa, acted as A.D.C. - Mr. J. Zoltowski, Financial Counsellor at the Polish Embassy in Washington and Mr. Antoni Balinski, Secretary to the Foreign Minister, were also members of the party.

During General Sikorski's visit to Ottawa he had discussions with a number of Polish officials, including Minister A. Falter, representative in New York of the Polish Finance Ministry, Mr. S. Michalski, Financial Counsellor, Polish Legation, Ottawa, General B. Duch and Group-Captain S. Sznuk in charge of Polish military and air training respectively, and Mr. J. Szygowski, Polish Consul at Winnipeg.