

carried out by the old Information Division but after the passage of time, the distinctions between the C.I.S. and the External Affairs streams began to blur and a sense of common purpose and allegiance made its natural and necessary appearance.

Following the consolidation of a departmental position on most aspects of the amalgamation, the major policy decisions, preparatory to submissions to Ministers, were taken at a meeting convened by Mr. Heeney and attended by Mr. Claxton, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Andrew and Mr. MacDermot. In a memorandum of December 23, 1946, <sup>(23)</sup> Mr. MacDermot reported the conclusions of that meeting:

It is recommended that the Canadian Information Service be amalgamated with and become part of the Department of External Affairs.

It is further recommended that the present functions of the Information Division of the Department, together with the Information functions of C.I.S., be consolidated in a single Division of the Department, under a senior FSO. This Division would thus become responsible for:

a) The production, assembly and preparation of Information material of all kinds for the use of Missions abroad and for publicity about Canada in countries abroad. In effect, this would substantially be a continuation of the work now being done by C.I.S., including publications, e.g. Airmail Bulletin, C.I.S. Weekly, Press Survey, reference papers, etc.: organization of public speakers abroad and visitors to Canada; Displays; Photos and Mats; Libraries.

b) The dissemination, under appropriate authority, of despatches to all Missions abroad in collaboration with other Divisions of the Department: