

Borden apparently preferred "First Minister" - the statutory title); although informal letters from Cabinet colleagues were sometimes addressed "My Dear Premier". The designation as Secretary of State for External Affairs was presumably regarded as eclipsed by, or inferior to, the senior designation as Prime Minister.

Parliament and extra allowances had been authorized by a series of statutes. Whereas all other Ministers members of the Privy Council were to receive \$10,000 "the member of the King's Privy Council holding the recognized position of First Minister shall receive \$15,000 per annum."

(1) The Act of 1912 stated that "in this Act, the Secretary of State for External Affairs is hereafter referred to as 'The Minister'". However, the title "Secretary of State for External Affairs" continued in official usage. By an Order-in-Council in 1946, the designation of "Minister for External Affairs" in place of "Secretary of State for External Affairs" was authorized, but, as before, the title, "Secretary of State for External Affairs" has continued to be used officially.