

and on the Highlands between Quebec and Maine and the North Line between New Brunswick and Maine by parties of the United States section. On the Highlands, the Southwest Line and the North Line, maintenance operations consisted of the inspection, repair and replacement of boundary monuments and the reclearing and widening of the boundary vista, to make it clearly discernible from the air. On the St. Francis River, in addition to the inspection, repair and replacement of boundary reference monuments, it was found necessary to re-survey a great part of the river. In 1949 information had been requested from the Commission regarding the ownership of several islands in the river. No such islands were shown on the Commission maps of 1902-03, but inspection of aerial photographs taken in 1948 revealed that in a number of places the river had changed its course and that, in fact, such islands actually did exist. Consequently the river was re-surveyed and, to show the boundary as it is according to treaty, monuments were placed at the boundary turning points in the old channels.

In addition to maintenance work and the annual report required for submission to the two governments by the Treaty of 1925, the Commission furnishes technical and other information relative to the International Boundary to a number of departments and bureaux of the two governments, to the governments of the provinces and states along the boundary, to various public utility and other corporations, and to the general public.

While the delimiting of the boundary line between the United States and Canada is to all intents and purposes completed, the maintenance of an effective boundary renders indispensable the constant supervision provided by the International Boundary Commission.



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MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE NETHERLANDS

Armament and equipment for one division have been made available by Canada to the Netherlands Government as North Atlantic mutual aid. Above, Mr. W. Fockema-Andrae, the Netherlands Secretary of State for War and Mr. A. H. J. Lovink, the Netherlands Ambassador to Canada, accompanied Mr. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence examine some of the equipment at No. 25 Ordnance Depot near Montreal. Left to right: Mr. A. H. J. Lovink; Mr. W. Fockema-Andrae; Mr. Claxton; Col. E. D. Sherwood, Commandant, 25 Central Ordnance Depot; and Col. G. R. Reinderhoff, Military and Air Attaché, Netherlands Embassy.