

Foreign Service Officers in Ottawa

Under the new regime of Dr. Skelton as Under-Secretary, W.H. Walker continued as Assistant (and occasionally Acting) Under-Secretary; and because of long past experience in the Governor General's Office and from the first days (1909) of the External Affairs Department, his services were invaluable.

The Legal Adviser, Loring C. Christie had left the Department in 1923. Another legally-minded Counsellor was appointed in 1925 to partially fill the gap. On July 16, 1925 Jean Desy, LL.D., LL.L., K.C., after acting as "technical adviser" to the Canadian Delegation to the League of Nations in Europe, joined the Department as Counsellor at a salary of \$4,200, which was raised on October 1, 1937, to \$4,920. He had been a Professor of International and Constitutional Law and Political History at the University of Montreal, and Professor of History at the University of Paris. Desy remained in Ottawa for three years, until he was transferred as Counsellor to the Paris Legation in September, 1928. He subsequently became Ambassador to France, after heading diplomatic Missions in the Netherlands, Belgium, as Minister, and