

(J) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN OTTAWA

1. The new Japanese Minister to Canada, Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa arrived in Ottawa on October 16 to take up his official duties.

(K) APPOINTMENTS IN CANADIAN SERVICE

1. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS TO ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 14, 1940.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. C. Green (Vancouver South): I should like to direct the attention of the Prime Minister to a Canadian Press dispatch from Buenos Aires, appearing in the *Ottawa Citizen* this morning, in which it is reported that the British ambassador to Argentina has notified the foreign minister of that country of Canada's decision to instal diplomatic representation, with the rank of a legation, in Argentina. May I ask the Prime Minister whether or not this report is accurate, and whether he would be willing to amplify it; also to let us know whether or not it is the intention to send ambassadors to any other countries in South America and, if so, to which ones.

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King (Prime Minister): If I recollect aright, when we were discussing the estimates of the Department of External Affairs at the close of last session, the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Green) asked whether the government intended to have representation in the Argentine or any of the other South American republics. At the time I replied that the government was giving consideration to the matter. I am now in a position to state that the government has decided to have a minister sent to the Argentine and also to have a minister sent to Brazil.

At the time, when my hon. friend previously brought up the question, I indicated that the government was considering whether or not it might be possible to have an arrangement with respect to the South American republics similar to that which was made with regard to Belgium and Holland, having one minister represent this country at two capitals, in this case Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. For obvious reasons, however, it has seemed inadvisable to restrict the appointment to one minister and has seemed very desirable to have two appointments.