

CHAPTER XIV

REPRESENTATIONAL DUTIES

Representative
of Canada

14.01 Where there is no diplomatic mission in the same city the consular officer will have certain representational functions. In the eyes of the citizens of the country to which he is appointed he represents the Canadian Government. Accordingly, it is necessary that the consul be discreet both in word and act.

Public Addresses

14.02a. It is inevitable and, from the point of view of Canada, it is desirable that the consul should be called upon to address public gatherings.

b. He, must, however, realize at all times that what he says will be quoted. For this reason it is desirable, if possible, that even apparently innocuous remarks should be critically viewed beforehand by a senior Canadian representative. If there is a diplomatic representative in the country his approval should ordinarily be sought for the making of the speech in the first instance, and whenever possible, for the text of the speech itself.

c. Where the address is to be of any importance it is desirable that the approval of the Department should first be obtained to making the speech and to its general contents.

d. In addition, of course, it is often of considerable value in Canada to be able to release to the Canadian newspapers the fact that an address has been made and the more important statements contained in it.