

Ratifications of the Trade Agreement between Canada and Uruguay, signed at Ottawa on August 12, 1936, were exchanged at Montevideo on April 15, 1940. This Agreement came into force on May 15, 1940.

By an Exchange of Notes at Washington on May 21, 1940, a Commercial Arrangement was concluded between Canada and Paraguay, which came into force June 21, 1940.

The Trade Agreement concluded between Canada and New Zealand on April 23, 1932, modified in November, 1935, and September, 1937, and extended from year to year until September 30, 1940, has been extended for a further period of one year and will continue in force until September 30, 1941.

Ratifications of the Convention between Canada and the United States signed at Ottawa on September 15, 1938, were exchanged at Ottawa on October 3, 1940, providing for emergency regulation of the Level of Rainy Lake and the level of other boundary waters in the Rainy Lake Watershed.

An Agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom was signed at Ottawa on October 8, 1940, to provide for Workmen's Compensation for Employees of the United Kingdom Technical Mission (or any other duly authorized office or agency of the United Kingdom Government) engaged in Canada.

A Treaty amending in its application to Canada certain provisions of the Treaty for the Advancement of Peace between the United States and the United Kingdom (signed at Washington September 15, 1914), was signed at Washington on December 6, 1940, to take effect on the date of Exchange of Ratifications.

An Agreement between Canada and the United States was signed at Washington December 13, 1940, replacing the supplementary Trade Agreement of December 30, 1939, in respect of the regulation of imports of fox furs into the United States. This Agreement entered provisionally into force on December 20, 1940.

#### PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE

Following a meeting between the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States at Ogdensburg, New York, the establishment of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence was announced on the 17th of August, 1940.

On the 22nd of August, 1940, the personnel of the Board was announced, and since that time, several meetings have been held in Canada and in the United States.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Among the publications issued under the authority of the Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1940 were the following:—

Treaty Series, 1939.

Report of the Canadian Delegates to the Twentieth Assembly of the League of Nations, 1939.

Canadian Government Representatives Abroad and British and Foreign Government Representatives in Canada, January, 1940.

#### PASSPORTS

In the year ended 31st December, 1940, there were issued 161,682 new passports and 3,373 renewals. 835 visas were granted, and the income derived from passport fees, renewals, and visas granted, amounted to \$202,658.87.

It gives me pleasure to express my satisfaction with the manner in which the various members of the staff have discharged their duties.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

O. D. SKELTON

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.*