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On January 15, 1935, Mr. Tokugawa left Canada on his appointment as Ambassador of Japan at Istanbul. He was succeeded by Hon. Sotomatsu Kato, who presented his Letters of Credence on June 26, 1936, - the same week that Sir Herbert Marler left Japan prior to his appointment as Minister to Washington.

On May 25, 1938, Baron Tomii succeeded Mr. Kato, and on October 28, 1940, he was replaced by Hon. Seijiro Yoshizawa, who presented his credentials on that date.

Later the Japanese Minister rented as his residence a house at 192 Daly Avenue in Sandy Hill. It was built by Robert Allen who, with his family, lived there for a number of years, until he sold it in 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Yoshizawa rented it and used it as the Japanese Legation until Pearl Harbour, December 7, 1941. The house was then rented by the Soviet Russians and used for a school for the children of their various officials. After that, it was sold by Senator Cairine Wilson and became a social centre for New Canadians, especially those from Holland; it was renamed St. Willibrod's Hall, after an Englishman who is said to have brought Christianity to the Netherlands. (1) After the War, when diplomatic relations were resumed, the Japanese Legation moved its offices to the new Commonwealth Building on Metcalfe Street and its Ambassador's residence to Clemow Street.

(1) Lilian Desbarats: Recollections.