

the pleasure of seeing you. I trust that you still have the project in mind. In my opinion the proceeds from the sale of Customs stamps should be turned over to the credit account of agencies in foreign countries which sell them.^{*} This calls for a complete organization which is of the greatest interest.⁽¹⁾

In 1928, the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise, after a visit to Washington, included in its final report a comment favourable to the establishment of a system of consular agents in countries exporting large quantities of goods to Canada.⁽²⁾ A Canadian trade mission to Latin America in 1931 found it most unsatisfactory for a trade commissioner, without diplomatic status, to have to establish official contacts through the British Minister, who represented a country competing for those markets.⁽³⁾ The feeling was growing that Canada should meet this problem by having consuls of her own, unless ministers were appointed.⁽⁴⁾ It would not seem a very self-respecting situation for a Dominion

^{*} (i.e. Trade Commissioners' Offices, Consulates or Legations).

(1) File 901-A.

(2) Final Report of the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise. (Ottawa, 1928).

(3) Senate Debates, May 19, 1931, pp.111-3, 115-6.

(4) Ibid. May 20, 1933, pp.134-5; April 30, 1936, pp.218-19.