

INTRODUCTION

This volume in the series *Documents on Canadian External Relations*, published by the Department of External Affairs, is the first to appear on the war years 1939-45. With a companion volume, it covers the period from the beginning of the war in Europe to the beginning of the war in Asia. The documents selected have been arranged chronologically by topic. Volume 7 contains documents reflecting the expansion of Canada's diplomatic missions abroad after the outbreak of war, the effects of the war in Europe on Canadian foreign policy and Canadian relations with her Commonwealth allies, particularly Great Britain. Volume 8 will document Canadian relations with the United States, France and allied governments-in-exile during this period and the Canadian role in the growing crisis in the Far East leading to Japan's entry into the war. Documents illustrating Canada's increasing ties with Newfoundland during the war will be published by the Department of External Affairs in a separate volume.

Some changes in the basic guidelines governing the compilation and editing of the volumes in this series have occurred since the publication of Volume 1 in 1967. Recently the Department prepared a revised set of guidelines. The extract from this statement printed below summarizes the guidelines under which the Editor of this volume has worked:

The volumes constitute the basic published record of the foreign policy and international relations of the Government of Canada. They are designed, within the confines of manageable space and size, to provide a comprehensive self-contained record of the major foreign policy decisions taken by the Government of Canada, and of the reasons for taking them, as well as of the major international events and trends affecting Canada, as evidenced mainly in the files of the Department of External Affairs. When records from other sources, e.g. foreign governments, other departments, private collections, are required for a better understanding of the Government's decisions or of events and trends affecting Canada, access thereto and permission to publish will be sought so as to include such material whenever possible.

The documents selected are intended to illustrate the formulation and implementation of Canadian policy in the field of international relations. No documents will be omitted in order to gloss over or conceal what might in perspective be considered to be mistaken or misguided policies. The editing of the volumes is based on the principles of historical objectivity and the integrity of the original text. Documents will be published in the language in which they were sent or