

An Imperial Veterinary Conference was held in London, under the auspices of the Council, prior to the International Veterinary Congress which met at Zurich and Interlaken in August.

The Imperial Shipping Committee had numerous meetings, its principal business during the year being an enquiry into shipping conditions in the far east. A report on this subject is being prepared.

The High Commissioner or a member of his staff attended the meetings of the Imperial War Graves Commission during the year.

The proceedings of the meetings of the Imperial Communications Advisory Committee, which were attended by a representative of the High Commissioner's Office, were forwarded regularly to Ottawa.

Members of the staff of the Office represented the Canadian Government at the International Whaling Conference, which was held in London in June, and at the Fourteenth International Conference on Documentation, which met in September in Oxford and London. The office also supplied the Canadian delegate for a meeting of the International Wheat Advisory Committee held in London in July.

During the year the Publicity and Press activities were extended. The "Canada Calling" campaign was prosecuted with vigour under new technical direction, with emphasis being placed on the direct advertising of specific commodities. In 1938 the campaign was conducted mainly in the London area.

The Press information office was for the first time placed under the direction of a full-time Press Officer, whose duties include the circulation to the press of news and general information on Canada; the collection and collation of newspaper cuttings; collaboration with the publicity sections of government departments in Ottawa; and the maintenance of an extensive library of photographs. The Press department is directly or indirectly responsible for an average of more than seven hundred editorial articles per month in the press of the United Kingdom. Information relating especially to Canadian natural resources, industry and mining, was distributed to trade and business quarters as well as to the press.

Numerous and varied requests for information on questions concerning passports and nationality, immigration, customs, taxation and statistical matters were received and dealt with.

The work performed by the office on behalf of the Department of National Defence increased during the year. Arrangements were made for the purchase, payment, inspection and shipment of defence stores and equipment, and there was a considerable volume of correspondence on technical questions with the service departments of the United Kingdom Government.

As in former years, the Office discharged its responsibility for the checking of securities held in London under the Canadian Insurance Act; for making periodical transfers, exchanges, renewals and deposits of new stock; and for the collection of moneys due to the Canadian Government.

Canadian Legation, Washington.

During the year 1938 the Canadian Legation in Washington was constantly engaged in following and reporting on the domestic affairs and international relations of the United States, and especially in attending to the relations between Canada and the United States.

Among the domestic matters dealt with were political, economic, social and commercial questions, including various aspects of the recovery program, changes in taxation, expansion of credit, appropriations for public works, housing, relief, industrial relations, and important legal decisions. The Legation also followed closely, and reported to the Department in Ottawa on, political developments and the development of public opinion in relation to such matters as neutrality, events in the Far East and in Europe, the good neighbour policy in Latin America, and the expansion of international trade.