

facilitated the exchange of ideas. The part played at Geneva, successively, by Mr. Rowell, Sir George Foster, Senator Dandurand and Sir Robert Borden has helped to convince the Canadian student of world affairs that the statesmen of his country may meet on terms of equality with those from other nations. Equally creditable has been the record of those Canadians who have served in the League Secretariat, in the International Labour Office, or upon League Commissions."⁽¹⁾

Representative at Geneva.

As a consequence of the demands of the League of Nations organization and its subsidiary agencies like the International Labour Organization, Canada found it desirable to appoint a permanent official in Geneva, at first to represent Canadian interests in the I.L.O., and shortly afterwards to keep the Canadian Government closely advised on all the political and diplomatic developments in the League, and to represent Canada on the innumerable ad hoc committees and commissions.

As one of the first Canadian diplomatic representatives, apart from the Commissioners in London and Paris, a reference may be made to Dr. ^{Walter} W.R. Riddell.

He had been in Germany and France in 1912, doing research for a doctoral dissertation for Columbia University. He had then visited the Netherlands, England and Scotland, and had returned to Canada shortly before the War broke out. It may be said, therefore, that he was internationally trained and experienced. He was Director

(1) F.H. Soward: "Canada at the League of Nations".
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pp.393-395.