

History of the Department of External Affairs

To honour the 75th Anniversary of the Department, which will be celebrated in 1984, the Historical Division has been charged with writing the Department's history. This two volume history, in both English and French versions, will trace the evolution of the Department of External Affairs from its founding in 1909 to the present. Although not a history of Canadian foreign policy and affairs, it will be more than a mere description of the stages of the Department's administrative growth. The history will examine successive changes in the Department's structure and administration, the circumstances which led to the changes, the reasons why they were introduced and the consequences of their introduction. In this way it is hoped to tell the story of the Department's evolution in the context of the changing international and domestic environment.

The history should be ready for publication at the beginning of 1984. It will be published by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada with the English version being released through McGill-Queen's University Press and the French version through Presses de l'Université Laval.

Access to Historical Records

The Historical Division arranges for access to historical records by scholars who wish to study Canadian foreign policy.

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