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legations to be opened shortly in Ottawa. I notice in the press of this morning reference to Norway opening a legation in the city. I might say that there have been requests from Norway and from Poland and Yugoslavia to have legations established in Ottawa. Requests have been received from other countries, but I mention these three in particular. Careful consideration has been given to the requests, and the government has decided to accept them. We are pleased to have in the capital of Canada diplomatic representatives of these countries which have been playing such heroic parts in the present great world struggle.

"The first legation to be opened will be that of Norway. The Norwegian Minister will be Mr. Daniel Steen who has been Consul-General of Norway in Canada for many years.

"The first Polish Minister will be Mr. Victor Podoski, who came to this country as Consul-General of Poland at the outbreak of the war. Both these gentlemen, now raised to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary in the service of their respective countries, are held in high regard and esteem by the Canadian Government and all those who have had the pleasure of meeting them.

"I may add that the first Minister of Yugoslavia to Canada will be Dr. Isidor Cankar, who has had a distinguished career in the diplomatic service of his country and is at present Yugoslav Minister to the Argentine Republic.

"Perhaps I should mention also that Greece has indicated a desire to have a Minister resident in Ottawa