

of his former Conservative colleagues and Christie's patrons, Sir Robert Borden or Mr. Arthur Meighen - invited Christie to rejoin the Department. It must have been evident to Christie, however, that Mr. Bennett's tenure as Prime Minister would not last much longer, and that Mr. King would doubtless return as Premier, (which he did a few weeks later).

As there seems to have been no departmental appropriation covering the position of an additional Counsellor on the Ottawa "inside" strength, but apparently an unused allocation remained under the Tokyo vote, Christie was nominally appointed as Counsellor to the Canadian Legation in Tokyo. He never proceeded to Tokyo, or took up a posting there. The assignment there was purely departmental for book-keeping purposes, and as a means of fitting him into the Department under a category for which no funds were specifically available at that time. His former position of Legal Adviser was at this time held by John E. Read.

Christie's appointment was made on August 30th to take effect from September 1, 1935. The Order-in-Council P.C. 2705 dated August 30, 1935, read:

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, advise that Mr. Loring C. Christie, who from 1911 [sic]* to 1923 occupied the position of Legal Adviser for the Department of External Affairs, be appointed to the staff of the Canadian Legation at Tokyo as Counsellor at a salary of \$6,000 per annum, such appointment to be effective from the 1st September, 1935.

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* Christie was first appointed as Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs by Sir Robert Borden in June, 1913.

(1) File 46-L-40.