

(K) APPOINTMENTS IN THE CANADIAN SERVICE

The Prime Minister said:

Members of the House are aware that the seizure of Denmark by the Germans created a problem for Canada as the nearest neighbour of the Danish possession of Greenland. The situation was given immediate attention and was investigated and to avoid any delay the local authorities in Greenland are continuing to administer its affairs. The Canadian-controlled government in Copenhagen is exercising authority.

In view of the fact that the people of Greenland normally obtain most of their supplies from Denmark and intercourse has now been suspended the Canadian government considered it should assist in maintaining the economic life of the island. The steaming Naosic, which is regularly used in the Canadian eastern Arctic patrol, was dispatched on a special voyage with supplies to Greenland. It arrived last week and will shortly bring back a return cargo.

We have thought it desirable that our Government should be continuously informed of the situation in Greenland and be in a position to discuss with the local authorities there any questions that might arise. Steps have accordingly been taken to appoint a consul and vice consul to Greenland. Mr. Kenneth P. Kirkwood, until recently first secretary at the Canadian legation at The Hague, has been appointed consul to Greenland and has already taken up his post there. Mr. Kirkwood, who was born at Brampton, Ontario, and is a graduate of the University of Toronto, after serving in the last war, first in the infantry and later in the air force, and working in the Near East, entered the External Affairs service in 1928. He was stationed at Washington and Tokyo before being appointed to The Hague. Mr. A. E. Forsyth, who was born in Greenland and is a member of the staff of the Department of Mines and Resources, has been appointed vice consul. The United States has also appointed consular representatives in Greenland.

(c) It was announced on the 11th of June that Mr. E. D. McInnes of the Canadian Legation in Japan, was being appointed Consul in Japan.

(d) It was announced on the 11th of June that M. Pierre Dupuy of the Canadian Legation in France, was being appointed Consul in France.

(e) It was announced on the 11th of June that M. J. M. (Mr. J. M. Langley) was being appointed Consul in Japan.

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