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Washington

During July the Hon. Vincent Massey relinquished his position as Canadian Minister in Washington, after a successful tenure of office which lasted for three and a half years. Pending the appointment of a new minister, Mr. Hume Wrong, Counsellor of the Legation, has since then been in charge of the Legation.

During most of the year the activity at the Legation reached the same high level as in 1929. In the later months there was some falling off in activity, the main cause of which was that Congress was in recess from July to December, while during 1929, it was in almost continuous session. The chief single field of work at the Legation consists in reporting to the Department of External Affairs concerning the activities of the Government of the United States which have a direct or indirect interest to Canada; by reason of the contiguity of the two countries and of the similarity between many governmental problems in them both, the purely domestic activities of the Government of the United States are often of concern to the Canadian authorities.

In the field of international negotiation, the principal achievement was the signature on May 26 of a revised Convention for the Protection and Preservation of the Sockeye Salmon Fisheries in the Fraser River System, by the Hon. Vincent Massey and the Hon. H. L. Stimson, Secretary of State of the United States. Problems connected with international waterways, aviation, fisheries, radio broadcasting, extradition, deportation, smuggling, claims, and other matters have also been the subject of diplomatic correspondence with the Government of the United States; many other questions have been taken up in a less formal manner.

Numerous reports have been submitted on legislation by Congress and on the activities of the administration. The principal single question was the new Tariff Act, which passed into law on June 17. In addition, there have been important developments in the United States during the year on the following subjects: farm and drought relief, unemployment, merchant shipping, postal subsidies, the regulation of electric power, war pensions, prison administration, and inland waterway development. The limitation of naval armaments, the movements of political opinion in the United States, the course of the prohibition controversy, the trading relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, the series of problems raised by the economic depression, the United States system of representation abroad—these and other subjects have been made the subject of careful study and report.

The Legation has continued to perform its usual duties in serving the interests of individual Canadians. Alterations in the tariff, both in the United States and in Canada, gave rise to an unusually large volume of commercial inquiries. Many cases of Canadians under order of deportation from the United States have also been investigated and, when circumstances warranted, made the subject of representations to the proper authorities. Personal inquiries and grievances concerning immigration, pensions, the securing of clemency,