

long after - Dr. Skelton's period of office.

The Select Standing Committee on Industrial and International Relations, a parliamentary organ, operated spasmodically during the period, but was bifurcated and revived as a Standing Committee on External Affairs after some years of quiescence. It served as a growing link between Parliament and the Department; and in this way the Department and its work came to be better known to the public and more directly known to Parliament.

General Summary

In the Introductory Chapter of this part of the historical survey of the Department were quoted the words of Dr. Skelton summarizing the "instruments of international action", and the character of the Department in 1930, - five years after he had taken charge of it as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

It is growing, not as fast as those connected with it would like to see it grow, but its equipment for its tasks is being increased, so far as staff and organization are concerned. . . Development has been rapid, but it has not yet progressed far enough. I do not think, either, that anyone who has looked into the facts will say it has involved undue burden on the country. (1)

Eleven years later, another summarization was given by Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister and

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(1) Minutes of Standing Committee on Industrial and International Relations, March 25, 1930, pp.10-12.