

Among the duties of the office was that of advising residents of South Africa who desired to migrate to Canada. Close co-operation was maintained with the Canadian Trade Commissioners' Offices in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

The High Commissioner kept in close touch with political developments in the Union, attending important sessions of Parliament in Cape Town between August 24th and September 16th.

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Dublin

The High Commissioner for Canada arrived in Dublin on March 8, 1940, where he was met by the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, and by the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Ireland. On March 9th, the High Commissioner was received by the Prime Minister, Mr. Eamon de Valera, and by the President, Mr. Douglas Hyde. Shortly afterwards, permanent offices were established at 92 Merrion Square, near the Dail and Government Offices.

Numerous reports have been sent to the Canadian Government dealing with the policy of the Government of Ireland, and describing the movements of public opinion on the question of Irish neutrality in the present crisis. Additional reports have dealt with new emergency defence orders and regulations, questions of trade and supply, labour problems and legislation, unemployment, finance, and numerous other problems. Work was done in facilitating the movement of Canadians desiring to return to Canada, and in furnishing information to persons seeking to emigrate to Canada. Steps have also been taken to establish a list of all Canadian nationals resident in Ireland.

Canadian Consulate, Godthaab, Greenland

The intention of the Canadian Government to establish a Consulate in Greenland was announced by the Prime Minister on June 11, 1940. Mr. Kenneth P. Kirkwood, First Secretary of the Canadian Legation at The Hague was appointed Consul, and Mr. A. E. Porsild, of the Department of Mines and Resources was appointed Vice-Consul. The Canadian representatives arrived at Ivigtut early in June, and arrangements were made to set up the Consulate at Godthaab, the chief administrative centre of Greenland.

During the period from June to the end of December, friendly relations were established with the Greenland administration, and many economic and social questions of common concern have been discussed. Considerable time was spent by the Canadian representatives at Ivigtut, the chief economic and shipping centre. Since the establishment of the Consulate, cordial relations have been maintained with the United States Consulate which was established at Godthaab on May 1, 1940.

TREATIES, CONVENTIONS, ETC.

By an Exchange of Notes of January 10, 1940, and March 4, 1940, following previous Exchanges on the same subject, an Agreement was concluded between Canada and the United States respecting the Load Line of ships on the Great Lakes. This Agreement was registered with the League of Nations September 20, 1940.

By an Exchange of Notes at Washington, February 29, 1940, an Agreement was concluded between Canada and the United States concerning the establishment of an International Board of Enquiry to consider and recommend measures for the conservation of the Great Lakes Fisheries.

By an Exchange of Notes at Ciudad Trujillo, March 14, 1940, immediate effect was given to the Trade Agreement between Canada and the Dominican Republic signed at Ciudad Trujillo on March 8, 1940.