formal rank or status. It would seem
to be quite practicable to arrange with
the British Government for the appoint-
ment by His Majesty, on the advice of
the Canadian Government, of a Canadian
official with the rank of Consul, who
should be responsible to and act under
the instructions of the Canadian Govern-
ment. His relations to the British Consul-
General could be settled by agreement be-
tween the two Governments. If this experi-
ment proved successful it might eventually
be extended to cover the other principal
consular districts in the United States, viz.-
Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco,
and possibly New Orleans. It may be men-
tioned here that so far as the Departments
in London are concerned the British Consular
Service has a dual capacity. Consuls are
appointed by the Foreign Office, since
the latter is responsible for British rep-
resentation abroad, and for the conduct of
foreign relations. To the Foreign Office
they render through the Ambassadors certain
reports on general and social conditions,
but they correspond direct with the Board
of Trade on commercial matters. There would
be certain advantages in pursuing a similar
procedure here, but this need not be in-
sisted upon if it would create any diffi-
culties.(1)

In a personal letter to Dr. Skelton dated
August 6, 1927, Mr. Philippe Roy, Commissioner
General for Canada at Paris, wrote:

I am informed by colleagues attached
to foreign embassies and legations in
France that the revenue from their consular
posts covers and even exceeds the general
expenses of all their services administered
by the Department for Foreign Affairs. In
the case of the United States, I know that
the revenue of the American Consulate is
greater by far than all the expenses in-
curred by the Consulate and Embassy at
Paris. It seems to me that we should estab-
lish a system similar to that adopted by
other countries and that in this matter we
could with more grace ask parliament to vote
appropriations required for the upkeep and
development of our representation in foreign
countries. I recall that you already men-
tioned the matter to me the last time I had

(1) File 603-19C, Part I.