

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Exchange of notes between Canada and the United States of America constituting an agreement for a temporary additional diversion of water at Niagara for power purposes, May 3, 1944.
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OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES
CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1. Announcement of the forthcoming Allied exchange with Germany of seriously sick and wounded prisoners of war, together with surplus protected personnel, to take place at Barcelona by means of the M.S. Gripsholm - press release of May 1, 1944.
2. Reply of the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs in the House of Commons to a question regarding the discussions of experts of the United Nations on the establishment of an international monetary fund, May 1, 1944.
3. Statement by the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs in the House of Commons, on the constitution of the advisory committee on external trade under the chairmanship of Mr. Sydney Pierce, May 4, 1944.
4. Announcement of the appointment of Mr. J.S. Macdonald as High Commissioner for Canada in Newfoundland - press release of May 4, 1944.
5. Statement by the Minister of Labour in the House of Commons on the possibility of holding the World Trade Union Conference in Canada, May 4, 1944.
6. Statement by the Minister of Mines and Resources in the House of Commons on the Canol Project, May 5, 1944.
7. Announcement of the presentation of letters of credence by the Mexican Ambassador - press release of May 6, 1944.
8. Statement in the House of Commons by the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs concerning the diversion of water at Niagara, May 9, 1944.

9. Statement by the Minister of Finance in the House of Commons concerning the Bank of International Settlements, May 9, 1944.
10. Statements by the Minister of Munitions and Supply in the House of Commons with respect to Lord Beaverbrook's comments on the Canadian draft convention on post-war civil aviation, May 11 and 12, 1944.
11. Statement by the Minister of Mines and Resources in the House of Commons on modification of the regulations governing temporary visits to Canada and in transit passage through Canada by Chinese, May 15, 1944.
12. Statement by the Acting Prime Minister in the House of Commons concerning the visits to Canada of the Prime Minister of Australia and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, May 16, 1944.
13. Announcement by the Minister of Fisheries in the House of Commons of the conclusion of an arrangement with Newfoundland whereby Canadian fishermen may land a portion of their catch and salt at Newfoundland ports, May 18, 1944.
14. Announcement by the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs in the House of Commons of the postponement of the proposed meeting in Montreal of the Council of UNRRA, May 18, 1944.
15. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on his return from the London Conference, May 22, 1944.
16. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that the Prime Minister of Australia and the Prime Minister of New Zealand would shortly arrive in Canada, May 22, 1944.
17. Statement by the Minister of Finance in the House of Commons regarding a World-International Monetary Conference, May 22, 1944.
18. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that Canada and Chile had agreed to elevate their respective legations to embassies and that Canada and Peru had agreed that diplomatic missions exchanged would be of the rank of embassy, May 25, 1944.
19. Statement by the Minister of Munitions and Supply in the House of Commons on discussions between Canada and the Soviet Union concerning post-war civil aviation, May 25, 1944.
20. Statement by the Minister of Finance in the House of Commons on Canada's participation in the World Monetary Conference, May 29, 1944.
21. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons of the arrival in Canada of the Prime Minister of Australia, May 30, 1944.
22. Announcement of a dinner given by the Prime Minister in honour of the Prime Minister of Australia, press release of May 31, 1944.

(c) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. On May 6, the first Mexican Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Francisco del Rio, presented his letter of credence to the Deputy Governor General. The Embassy staff will consist of Mr. Antonio Mendez, Counsellor of Embassy, and Mr. Crisoforo Peralta and Mr. Jose Cavello, Secretaries. A Chancery has been established at 87 Sparks St., Ottawa.
2. Mr. Bo Jarnstedt replaced Baron H. Ramel as Attache at the Swedish Legation. Mr. Jarnstedt took up his duties on May 6.
3. At the United States Embassy, the following changes occurred during May: Mr. R. English, Consul at Edmonton, was appointed Second Secretary and Consul at Ottawa on May 23; Captain W. Hastings assumed his duties as Assistant Military Air Attache on May 29; Miss K. O'Connor was promoted to Second Secretary; Mr. J. E. Horner and Mr. J. N. Greene, Third Secretaries, have been transferred from Ottawa.

(d) VISITS BY COMMONWEALTH AND
FOREIGN MONITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. Mr. Pierre Mendes - France, Commissioner of Finance of the French Committee of National Liberation, visited Ottawa on May 15.
2. Rt. Hon. John Curtin, Prime Minister of Australia, arrived in Ottawa on the night of May 30th, where he was met by Mrs. Curtin. He was accompanied from the United Kingdom by General Sir Thomas Blamey, G.B.E., K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Military Forces, and Sir Frederick Shedden, K.C.M.G., Secretary of the Department of Defence. While in Ottawa, Mr. Curtin addressed the Senators and Members of Parliament and held a press conference. He and his party left on June 1.

(e) CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL
SERVICE

1. On May 8 Wing Commander Jean Paul Desloges, Air Attache at the Office of the Canadian Representative in Algiers, was killed in an aeroplane accident at Casablanca, Morocco.
2. The Prime Minister, accompanied by the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs and by Mr. W.J. Turnbull, arrived back in Ottawa from the London Conference on May 21. Mr. J.W. Pickersgill returned earlier, and Mr. J.W. Holmes shortly afterwards.
3. Mr. J. S. Macdonald was appointed High Commissioner in Newfoundland on May 4.
4. During May, Major G. J. Okulitch, Assistant Military Attache at the Embassy in Moscow, visited Ottawa. Mr. E. Mayrand, First Secretary at the Embassy in Brazil, returned to his post following a short stay in Canada.

5. Mr. J. Starnes was appointed Third Secretary at the Legation to the Allied Governments on May 26.
6. Mr. T.A. Stone left the Department in Ottawa on May 27 to take up duties at Canada House.
7. Lt. Colonel Charles Hebert was appointed Military Attache at the Legation to the Allied European Governments on May 30.
8. Dr. Laureys reached Ottawa on May 30, returning from his service as High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa.

(2) PUBLICATIONS

1. Treaty Series, 1944, No.12. Agreement between Canada and the French Committee of National Liberation on the principles applying to the provision by Canada of Canadian war supplies to the French Committee under the War Appropriation (United Nations Mutual Aid) Act of Canada 1943, Ottawa, April 14, 1944.
2. Treaty Series, 1944, No.13. Exchange of notes between Canada and the United States of America constituting an agreement for a temporary additional diversion of water at Niagara for power purposes, May 3, 1944.
3. Treaty Series, 1944, Supplement No. 7. Exchange of notes respecting permission for the American Export Airlines planes to stop at Halifax, Shediac and Gander for refuelling and on account of weather, April 27 and May 8, 1944.
4. Treaty Series, 1944, No. 14. Exchange of notes between Canada and Newfoundland according permission for Canadian fishing vessels to land salt and fish in Newfoundland for temporary storage in bond during the calendar year 1944, May 1, 6 and 15, 1944.