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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BULLETIN

(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

Agreements concluded:

1. Multilateral: Convention (No.32) concerning the protection against accidents of workers employed in loading or unloading ships (Revised 1932), adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 16th Session, Geneva, April 27, 1932: the instrument of ratification by Canada of this Convention was deposited with the Acting Secretary-General of the League of Nations on April 6, 1946.
2. Multilateral: Convention (No.63) concerning statistics of wages and hours of work in the principal mining and manufacturing industries, including building and construction, and in agriculture, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 24th Session, Geneva, June 20, 1938: the instrument of ratification by Canada of this Convention was deposited with the Acting Secretary-General of the League of Nations on April 6, 1946.
3. Canada-United States: Great Lakes Fisheries Convention, signed at Washington, April 2, 1946, subject to ratification.
4. Canada-United Kingdom: Agreement supplemental to Agreement dated May 27, 1943, with respect to the acquisition by Canada of the United Kingdom's interest in Canadian munitions plants, signed at Ottawa, April 2, 1946.
5. Canada-France: Exchange of Notes concerning the release of private property from government control, dated at Ottawa, February 12, March 22, 23 and 27, and April 3, 1946.
6. Canada-France: Financial Agreement (accompanied by an Exchange of Notes), signed at Ottawa, April 9, 1946.

(B) PUBLICATIONS

1. Treaty Series 1941, No. 1: Trade Agreement between Canada and the Dominican Republic, signed at Trujillo, March 8, 1940.
2. Treaty Series 1941, No. 4: Exchange of Notes between Canada and the United States of America concerning three arrangements respecting radio broadcasting frequencies, dated at Washington, October 28 and December 10, 1938.
3. Treaty Series 1942, No. 19: Exchange of Notes between Canada and Newfoundland constituting an agreement for a commercial air service to Newfoundland by Trans-Canada Airlines, dated at St. John's, Newfoundland, February 6, 7, 9 and 27, 1942.
4. Treaty Series 1945, No. 24: Exchange of Notes constituting an agreement with respect to financial settlements between Canada and the franc area, dated at Ottawa, August 23 and September 11, 1945.

5. Treaty Series 1946, No. 4: Trade Agreement between Canada and Mexico, signed at Mexico, February 8, 1946.
6. Treaty Series 1946, No. 7: Trade Agreement between Canada and Colombia, signed at Bogota, February 20, 1946.
7. Treaty Series 1946, No. 13: Great Lakes Fisheries Convention between Canada and the United States of America, signed at Washington, April 2, 1946. (See Section G, Item 9).
8. Treaty Series 1946, No. 14: Financial Agreement between Canada and France (together with an Exchange of Notes), signed at Ottawa, April 9, 1946. (See Section G, Item 4).
9. Conference Series 1946, No. 1: Report on the first part of the first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations held in London, January 10 - February 14, 1946. (See Section G, Item 8(c)).

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. Heads of Foreign and British Commonwealth Missions and their wives were received at Government House on April 15 by Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and the Viscountess Alexander.
2. During April the following foreign diplomatic representatives presented their Letters of Credence to His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - (a) Dr. Luis I. Rodriguez, Ambassador of Mexico, April 23 (Press Release No. 28).
 - (b) Dr. Victor Nef, Minister of Switzerland, April 25 (Press Release No. 30).
 - (c) Dr. Acyr do Nascimento Paes, Ambassador of Brazil, April 26 (Press Release No. 31).
3. The Right Honourable Malcolm MacDonald has returned to the United Kingdom en route to his new appointment as Governor-General of Malaya. Pending the arrival of Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, newly appointed High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada, the Acting High Commissioner is Mr. Stephen Holmes.
4. Mr. Sevki Alhan, Turkish Minister to Canada, has left Ottawa for two months. In his absence, Mr. Rifki Zorlu, First Secretary, will be Charge d'Affaires a. i. of the Turkish Legation.
5. Dr. A. Fiderkiewicz, Minister-designate of Poland, is expected to arrive in Canada shortly. The following members of his staff are already in Ottawa; Mr. Z. R. Bielski, First Secretary, Mr. T. Wiewiorowski, Commercial Attache, and Mr. Edmund Semil, Cultural Relations Attache.
6. Colonel August Schomberg has been appointed Assistant Military Attache at the United States Embassy and Mr. Meade Foster has arrived to take up his duties as Agricultural Attache at the United States Embassy.

7. The following changes occurred at the French Embassy during April: With the closing of the French Naval Mission in Ottawa, Lt. Commander Pierre de Bellaigue, Naval Attache, has been transferred to Montreal where he will be in charge of the French Merchant Marine Mission; the Military and Air Attache, Lt. Col. Henri Mesnet, has recently been promoted to the rank of Colonel and will assume the duties of Naval Attache. Mr. Robert Le Guyader has been appointed Assistant Commercial Attache.
8. Changes at the Brazilian Embassy include the following: Mr. W. de Amaral Murtinho, Second Secretary, has been transferred to Caracas; Mr. Heitor Bastos Tigre has arrived to take up his duties as Third Secretary.
9. Mr. Marcel Kittell, Commercial Secretary, and Mr. Jean de Ceuleneer, Financial Secretary, are no longer attached to the Belgian Embassy in Ottawa, but are continuing their duties with the Belgian Consulate in Montreal.
10. Mr. Alvaro Rey de Castro, Second Secretary at the Peruvian Embassy has been transferred to Paraguay.

(D) VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN
DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. Mr. Leon Blum, Ambassador at large for France, arrived in Ottawa on April 4. During his four-day visit, he met the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet. On April 5 he held a Press Conference. Before returning to Washington Mr. Blum also paid a brief visit to Montreal.

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN
EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. Mr. A. Monette, Special Adviser on Property and Furnishings, returned to Ottawa on April 4 after visiting Canadian missions in Latin America.
2. Mr. C. S. Bissett, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Venezuela, has been appointed Acting Canadian Consul General in charge of the Canadian Consulate recently opened in Caracas.
3. Mr. D. B. Hicks has been transferred from Canada House to the Department in Ottawa.
4. Mr. T. B. B. Wainman-Wood has been transferred from the Department in Ottawa to the Canadian Legation in Cuba as Third Secretary.
5. Commercial changes during April included the appointment of Mr. J. H. Tremblay as Commercial Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Paris, and the appointment of Mr. J. L. Mutter as Commercial Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Chile succeeding Mr. M. J. Veschler who has been appointed Canadian Trade Commissioner in Liverpool.

6. The following temporary appointments have been made to the Department in Ottawa:

F.S.O.4 - F. H. Walter - April 15
F.S.O.1 - R. L. Rogers - April 8.

(F) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. April 1 - Mexico City - Third American Regional Conference of the International Labour Organization. The Canadian delegation was headed by Mr. H. L. Keenleyside, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, assisted by Mr. C. C. Eberts of the Embassy staff. Technical advisers were Mr. Paul Goulet, Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Labour, and Mr. J. S. McCullagh, Assistant Director of Industrial Relations, Department of Labour. The delegation also included employers' and workers' representatives.
2. April 2 - Brussels - Second Assembly of the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency. Mr. W. A. Turgeon, Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, the Canadian representative, was accompanied by technical advisers.
3. April 3 - London - Emergency Economic Committee for Europe. Mr. George McIvor, Canadian representative on the Cereals Committee of the Combined Food Board, attended as the representative of that Board.
4. April 8 - Geneva - Final Assembly of the League of Nations. Canada was represented by Mr. Hume Wrong, Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Alfred Rive, Department of External Affairs.
5. April 24 - New York - Economic and Employment Commission of the Economic and Social Council. Dr. W. A. Mackintosh, Director-General of Economic Research, Department of Reconstruction, has been appointed Chairman.
6. April 27 - Gander, Newfoundland - Conference on Air Navigation Facilities and Services. Mr. J. S. Macdonald, Canadian High Commissioner in Newfoundland was chairman of the Canadian delegation which included the following: Mr. D. S. Robertson, Mr. C. C. Bogart, Mr. E. F. Porter, Mr. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan and Mr. H. H. Bindon, all of the Department of Transport; and Mr. G. P. Kidd of the Department of External Affairs.
7. April 29 - Ottawa - Permanent Joint Board on Defence. Canadian members participating were: General A.G.L. McNaughton, Chairman; Captain H. N. Lay; Major-General D. W. Spry; Air Vice-Marshal W. A. Curtis; Colonel J. H. Jenkins; Group Captain W. W. Bean and Mr. R. M. Macdonnell, Secretary.

On April 3 a ceremony took place at Whitehorse, Y.T., to mark the taking over by Canada from the United States of the Alaska Highway, the airfields on the Northwest Staging Route, the landline communication system and other defence projects. The ceremony was arranged under the auspices of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence and General McNaughton, Chairman of the Canadian Section, represented the Government.

The United States Government was represented by the United States Ambassador in the absence of Mr. F.H. LaGuardia, Chairman of the United States Section of the Board. Mr. R. M. Macdonnell was present as Secretary of the Canadian Section.

(G) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING
EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(a) Statements in the House of Commons:

1. Atomic Energy

Reply by the Prime Minister to a question concerning Canadian representation at "Operation Crossroads" Bikini Atoll. April 3, p. 537.

2. Department of External Affairs

(a) Motion by the Secretary of State for External Affairs for the second reading of Bill No. 6 April 2, p. 495.

(b) Reply by the Prime Minister to a question concerning the possibility of appointing an Ambassador to the Vatican. April 8, p. 655.

3. International Trade

Tabling by the Minister of Trade and Commerce of Order-in-Council P. C. 1218 of March 29, 1946, authorizing the creation of the Canadian Commercial Corporation. April 2, p. 489.

4. Foreign Ministers' Conference in Paris

Reply by the Prime Minister to a question concerning a press report to the effect that the Foreign Secretary for the United Kingdom was representing all parts of the British Commonwealth. April 30, p. 1081.

5. France and Canada

Announcement by the Minister of Finance concerning the signing of an agreement under the Export Credits Insurance Act whereby a credit of \$242,500,000 had been extended to France to enable her to make purchases in Canada. April 9, p. 703. Agreement tabled by Prime Minister April 15, p. 889. (See Section A, Item 6; Section B, Item 8).

6. Investigation into Disclosure of Secret and Confidential Information to Unauthorized Sources.

(a) Statement by the Prime Minister concerning the appointment of Mrs. Emma Woikin to the Department of External Affairs. April 3, p. 535.

(b) Reply by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question concerning receipt by the Department of External Affairs of the Statement reported in the press to have been issued by the Embassy of the U.S.S.R. regarding Mr. Igor Gouzenko. April 16, p. 938.

7. Travel Abroad

Tabling by the Prime Minister of Order-in-Council P. C. 1272, April 2, 1946, abolishing Exit Permit requirements. Statement concerning conditions affecting passport control. April 3, p. 536.

8. United Kingdom and Canada

Motion by the Minister of Finance that the House go into Committee to consider a resolution concerning the financial agreement signed between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada on March 6, 1946. First reading of Bill 28, April 11, p. 777. Continuation of debate, and Second Reading, April 12. Further considered in Committee, April 16, p. 939. (See Section A, Item 3, and Section B, Item 2, March Bulletin).

9. United Nations

(a) Announcement by the Prime Minister of the appointment of General A.G.L. McNaughton as Canadian representative on the Atomic Energy Commission. April 2, p. 487.

(b) Reply by the Prime Minister to a question concerning the permanent site of the United Nations. April 17, p. 994.

(c) Tabling by the Prime Minister of the Report of the First Part of the First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. April 30, p. 1079. (See Section B, Item 9).

10. United States and Canada

(a) Tabling by the Prime Minister of Exchange of Notes between the United States and Canada constituting an agreement on the subject of war surpluses and related matters. April 8, p. 651. (See Section B, Item 4, March Bulletin).

(b) Tabling by the Secretary of State for External Affairs of the Fisheries Convention between Canada and the United States signed on April 2, 1946. April 29, p. 1023. (See also Section A, Item 3, and Section B, Item 7. Press Release No. 25, April 2).

11. U. N. R. R. A.

Report by the Minister of Trade and Commerce regarding the Canadian contribution to U.N.R.R.A. April 12, p. 829.

12. War Crimes

Reply by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question concerning Canadian representation at the trials of Japanese War Criminals. April 12, p. 833.

13. Wheat

Reply by the Minister of Trade and Commerce to a question concerning particulars of Canadian wheat exports for 1945. April 11, p. 778.

(b) Press Releases:

(in addition to those noted under sections (C) and (G) (a))

1. Text of letter of thanks from the Director General of U.N.R.R.A. to the Prime Minister regarding Canada's second contribution to U.N.R.R.A. April 20, No. 27.
2. Announcement by the Prime Minister that France and Canada had concluded an agreement respecting the release of property in Canada belonging to residents of France, including an undertaking by the French Government to give the same treatment to Canadians holding property in France. April 20, No. 26. (See also Section A, Item 5).
3. Announcement by the Prime Minister that a joint committee composed of representatives of the United States and Canada would investigate a proposal to establish an International Park as a memorial to the late President Roosevelt. April 24. No. 29.

Reply by the Minister of Trade and Commerce to a question concerning certificates of Canadian wheat exports for 1944. April 11, p. 498. (See also p. 498.)
 Press Release:

8. United States

- (a) In addition to those noted under sections (c) and (d) and (a), the text of the letter to the Director General of U.S.R.A. from the Prime Minister regarding Canada's second contribution to U.N.R.R.A. April 30, p. 499. (See also p. 499.)
 Announcement by the Prime Minister that France and Canada had concluded an agreement regarding the release of property in Canada belonging to residents of France, including an undertaking by the French Government to give the same treatment to Canadians holding property in France. April 30, p. 499. (See also Section 4, Item 5.)
 Announcement by the Prime Minister that a joint committee composed of representatives of the United States and Canada would investigate a proposal to establish an International Park as a memorial to the late President Roosevelt. April 24, p. 497. (See also p. 497.)
 (c) Letter by the Prime Minister and by the Minister of Finance to the General Assembly of the United Nations. April 29, 1944. (See Section 4, Item 4, p. 499.)

10. United States and Canada

- (a) Letter by the Prime Minister of Canada and Secretary of State of the United States on the subject of the exchange of information on war criminals and related matters. April 8, p. 497. (See Section 4, Item 4, p. 499.)
 (b) Letter by the Secretary of State for External Affairs of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada on the subject of the Convention on the High Seas. April 29, p. 499. (See also Section 4, Item 4, p. 499.)

11. U. S. R. A.

Report by the Minister of Trade and Commerce regarding the Canadian contribution to U.S.R.A. April 22, p. 499.

12. War Crimes

Reply by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question concerning Canadian representation at the trial of Japanese War Criminals. April 11, p. 498.