

“We summed up our conclusions in the following resolution which is submitted for the consideration of the Conference:—

‘The Governments represented at the Imperial Conference are impressed with the desirability of developing a system of personal contact, both in London and in the Dominion capitals, to supplement the present system of intercommunication and the reciprocal supply of information on affairs requiring joint consideration. The manner in which any new system is to be worked out is a matter for consideration and settlement between His Majesty’s Governments in Great Britain and the Dominions, with due regard to the circumstances of each particular part of the Empire, it being understood that any new arrangements should be supplementary to, and not in replacement of, the system of direct communication from Government to Government and the special arrangements which have been in force since 1918 for communications between Prime Ministers.’ ”

**Canadian Minister in the United States.**—For many years the diplomatic business between Canada and the United States has been steadily increasing, as the natural result of the proximity of the two countries and the closeness of the business relationships between their citizens. Before the Great War a former British Ambassador at Washington, Lord Bryce, said that between two-thirds and three-quarters of the work of the British Embassy in the United States was occasioned by Canadian affairs.

In January, 1918, a temporary Canadian War Mission was established at Washington under the chairmanship of Mr. Lloyd Harris, and was maintained for some years after the close of the war. Though not a formal diplomatic mission, its duties extended to questions usually dealt with through the diplomatic channel. After the retirement of this mission Canada was represented in Washington by Mr. M. M. Mahoney, who acted as agent of the Department of External Affairs, and, through the courtesy of the British Government, occupied an office at the British Embassy.

In 1920, following discussions between the British and Canadian Governments, it was announced that agreement had been reached upon the appointment of a Canadian Minister at Washington, who would act for the British Ambassador in the latter’s absence. No appointment was made until Nov. 26, 1926, when, after decision to omit the arrangement that the Canadian Minister should substitute for the British Ambassador, Hon. Charles Vincent Massey was appointed as His Majesty’s Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in the United States of America to represent the interests of the Dominion of Canada (P.C. 1780 of Nov. 10, 1926). Mr. Massey took up his duties in February, 1927. The Canadian Legation in Washington is situated at 1746 Massachusetts Ave. The United States Government reciprocated in 1927 by appointing Hon. William Phillips its first Minister to Canada. Hon. Mr. Phillips resigned in December, 1929; his successor had not been appointed at the date of going to press.

**Canadian Minister in France.**—For many years the Canadian Government maintained an agency at Paris. The post was first occupied in 1882 by Hon. Hector Fabre, who also represented for a time the Government of Quebec. After his death Hon. Philippe Roy was appointed in May, 1911, with the title of Commissioner-General of Canada in France. In 1928 an exchange of Ministers was agreed upon between Canada and France, and in September of that year Hon. Philippe Roy was appointed as His Majesty’s Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in France to represent the interests of the Dominion of Canada.

The Canadian Legation in Paris is situated at No. 1, rue François premier.