

whereby New Zealand film productions could be submitted with a view to being copied and distributed throughout Canada. During the course of the year, moreover, there was a growing number of inquiries from prospective settlers seeking information on immigration laws, employment conditions, cost of living, and so on. Such inquiries as these, as well as those from an increasing number of prospective tourists, covered a considerable part of the routine work of the Office.

During the year several visiting New Zealand officials were enabled, through receptions or other arrangements made by the Office, to meet Canadian Government officials in their respective fields. These visitors included the Right Hon. W. Nash, who arrived in Ottawa in March, 1948, for discussions with Canadian Ministers on matters of trade and finance. During this visit a double taxation agreement was concluded and signed.

In November, 1947, the High Commissioner, jointly with the United Kingdom and Australian High Commissioners, made an offer on behalf of their Governments of memorial gates to be erected at a major air station in commemoration of the wartime co-operation of Canada in the training of Commonwealth airmen. In accepting the offer the Canadian Prime Minister paid high tribute to the achievements of the trainees.

At the beginning of the 1947-48 period the Hon. David Wilson completed his term of office as High Commissioner for New Zealand in Canada. His successor, Mr. James Thorn, arrived in Canada on 27 April, 1947.

Towards the end of 1947 the Official Secretary, Mr. R. M. Firth, was replaced by Mr. C. A. Sharp after a term of ten years in Canada, acting for most of that period as agent for the Industries and Commerce and Tourist and Publicity Departments. In March, 1948, Mr. B. S. Lendrum took up his appointment as Assistant Secretary.

On several occasions during the year the High Commissioner's Office, which has only two diplomatic officers in addition to the High Commissioner, was called on to provide representation at international conferences in the United States. Mr. Thorn's appointment in the place of his predecessor as New Zealand delegate on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations made necessary his travelling to New York for the period 19 July-16 August and again, as a member of the Social Commission, from 28 August-12 September. Later in September he returned to New York to join the New Zealand delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, which carried over until the end of November. Towards the end of January, 1948, the High Commissioner paid a further visit to New York as the New Zealand delegate to the sixth session of the