

of Denmark in Australia and will normally reside at Canberra; in his absence Mr. Karl I. Eskelund has acted as *Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*. Mr. Nihotte has been Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps during the absence of the Dean, Mr. Gazel.

Of New Zealand's eight fellow-members of the British Commonwealth, only the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia are represented in New Zealand. Sir Patrick Duff, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Mr. Alfred Rive, and Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.C., are the High Commissioners for those countries. On 24 January, 1948, Mr. A. W. Snelling replaced Mr. N. E. Costar as Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom.

China, Sweden, and Switzerland maintain career Consulates for New Zealand at Wellington. Agreement has been given to the establishment in the near future of a Consulate of Argentina and to the reopening of the Consulate of Italy.

The channel for relations between the New Zealand Government and overseas missions is the Department of External Affairs, whose responsibility it also is to deal with questions of diplomatic practice and privilege.