

## ADMISSION TO PRACTICE BEFORE PATENT OFFICES

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*The Canadian Minister to the Secretary of State*

CANADIAN LEGATION

*Washington, December 3, 1937*

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SIR:

I have the honour to advise you that as a result of an amendment to the Rules of practice of the Patent Office of Canada—which was adopted in 1933—attorneys who had previously been listed on the Canadian Patent Office Register were no longer permitted to practice before that Office. Subsequently there have been informal negotiations between the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and the Under-Secretary of State of Canada with a view to the conclusion of a reciprocal arrangement.

The negotiations have culminated in the decision of the Government of Canada to substitute for existing Rule 14 under the Patent Act a new Rule to become effective on January 1, 1938, which will read as follows:

14. (1) The names of the following persons shall on request and payment of the prescribed fee of \$5.00 be entered on the Register of Attorneys who are permitted, subject to the qualifications and conditions prescribed by these Rules and Regulations, to practice before the Patent Office:

(a) Any barrister, solicitor or advocate on the roll of barristers, solicitors or advocates under the Laws of any of the Provinces of Canada;

(b) Notaries entitled to practice their profession under the Laws of the Province of Quebec;

(c) Any barrister, solicitor or attorney resident in any part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, who files proof to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that he is registered and in good standing before the Patent Office of his place of residence and possesses the qualifications required to practice before the said office;