

portant Royal Commissions, and was a member of the Inter-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa in 1910. A Liberal and Roman Catholic, he was a profoundly studious and judicious man, in high esteem in Liberal circles in his Province and in Ottawa, where his father was the oldest sitting Senator and his brother, Gray, was a Member of the Commons.

Mr. Turgeon was appointed as first Canadian Minister to Argentina in the summer of 1941. It was announced on October 9th that he would also be accredited as Canadian Minister to Chile. He arrived in Buenos Aires on October 30th, accompanied by K.P. Kirkwood, First Secretary, and Gilles Sicotte, Third Secretary. There the Trade Commissioner, Mr. James A. Strong, became Commercial Secretary to the Mission. President Ortiz being sick, Mr. Turgeon presented his Letters of Credence to the Vice-President of the Argentine Republic in exercises of Executive Power, on November 13, 1941; and on the same day messages were exchanged between the Prime Minister of Canada and the Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs.

A Legation residence was temporarily rented, and new Chancery quarters and commercial office were established in the Royal Bank of Canada Building, shortly after the arrival of the Mission. A local staff was quickly built up. Besides J.A. Strong, C.E. Depocas was Assistant Commercial Attaché, and W.B. McCullough, an agricultural specialist in the Department of Trade and Commerce, was Assistant Commercial Attaché (Agricultural) in the Mission.