

President Vargas, and also transmitted to the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs a personal message from the Prime Minister of Canada, expressing the satisfaction of the Canadian Government at the opening of the Canadian Legation in Rio de Janeiro.

He was accompanied by R.A.D. Ford, Third Secretary, and K.P. Kirkwood, First Secretary, who had served with Mr. Desy in The Hague and who was temporarily attached to the new Mission until he proceeded to Buenos Aires a month or two later. L.B. Glass, the Trade Commissioner in Brazil, became Commercial Attaché to the Legation, and Maurice Belanger, Assistant Commercial Attaché. After Kirkwood moved on, Leon Mayrand joined the Mission as Second Secretary.

Temporary office premises were taken in the Palace Hotel, together with the Commercial Office, until more suitable quarters were available in a newly-erected building on Avenida President Wilson. The Minister rented residential quarters, with a view of spectacular grandeur overlooking the famous Rio de Janeiro Bay, at the summit of Santa Teresa.

Mr. Desy, with a Gallic nature and a keen initiative, quickly learned Portuguese fluently, and made a remarkably cordial and lasting impression on the Brazilians. A man of deep culture in literature and the arts, he accomplished much in linking the two countries in these fields, and negotiated a Brazilian-Canadian cultural agreement which was one of the few of its kind in Canadian relations. (The Canadian Government had no Department concerning cultural matters, and normally could not sponsor such international agreements with foreign countries where there were State cultural