

Uruguay

Despite many requests for reciprocal exchange of Missions with Uruguay, the most democratic country in South America and the first one to become an ally and co-belligerent with the western countries at war with Germany, the Canadian Government took no steps to open a Mission there. The British Embassy, under Sir Ralph Shrine Stevenson, continued to act for Canadian interests. The Commercial Secretary (J.A. Strong) in Argentina, was also accredited, however, as Trade Commissioner to Uruguay; and both he, Mr. Turgeon and K.P. Kirkwood made occasional inspectional tours to Uruguay, keeping in contact with the British diplomatic and consular officials there and reporting on Uruguayan developments from Buenos Aires.

Peru

In 1944 an Embassy was opened at Lima, Peru, headed by Dr. Henry Laureys who presented his credentials to President Prado in October. He was assisted by Gilles Sicotte who was transferred from Buenos Aires.

Mexico

In the same year, 1944, an Embassy was opened in Mexico City, Mr. W.F.A. Turgeon being appointed the first Canadian Ambassador there, coming from Buenos Aires. The climate, however, did not suit his health, and soon afterwards he was appointed Ambassador to Belgium, and was replaced by Dr. H.L. Keenleyside in February 1945.

Cuba

Five months later it was announced that Canada and Cuba had agreed to exchange Ministers, and Mr. Emile