PARIS

What has become of the Canadian Legation in France?

Answer:- When the French Government withdrew from Paris, members of the Canadian Legation followed it to Jours different points, the final point being Bordeaux.

With the approach of the enemy forces within a short distance of that city, the Canadian Minister, as well as the British Ambassador and the South African Minister, departed from Burdeaux late in June and took ship for England. The Canadian Minister is at present in London. Some members of his staff have been absorbed in other duties in England and in Canada.

Is it intended to re-establish the Canadian Legation in France?

Answer:- It is the desire of the Canadian Government to maintain as friendly relations as possible with the people of France. Whether we can re-establish a Legation in France in the near future will depend on the development of the relations between the Government of France and the Axis Powers. If the Government were to return to Paris or other German occupied area that would be a new factor that would have to be considered.

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