

The visit to Argentina during October of the Canadian Trade Mission to South America, under the leadership of the Honourable James A. McKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, resulted in useful discussions of economic and commercial questions, and the signature of a Trade Agreement between Canada and Argentina.

On January 2, 1942, Mr. Turgeon presented his credentials to the Vice-President of Chile, Mr. Jeronimo Mendez. The new Legation's duties will be to promote still further the economic, political and cultural bonds connecting Canada with Argentina and Chile.

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Australia

The first High Commissioner for Canada in the Commonwealth of Australia, Mr. C. J. Burchell, K.C., left Australia for Canada on July 24 to take up his new appointment as High Commissioner for Canada in Newfoundland. On November 6, the Prime Minister announced the appointment of Major-General Victor W. Odlum, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., as High Commissioner in succession to Mr. Burchell. Major-General Odlum arrived in Canberra on January 7, 1942. Mr. E. B. Rogers was in charge of the Office pending the arrival of the new High Commissioner.

During the year reports were sent to Ottawa on a great variety of subjects, including developments in the work of the Armed Forces, war finance, National Security Regulations, passport and immigration questions, broadcasting, post war reconstruction, rehabilitation of members of the forces, relations with Allied and neutral countries, and the changing political situation. Specific enquiries from Australian Government Departments and from other sources in Australia and Canada were dealt with. Commencing in April, a weekly bulletin of Canadian news was distributed to the press, Government Departments, Canadians resident in Australia, and others. The office continued to be a channel of communication between the Canadian and Australian Governments on matters relating to the prosecution of the war and on other questions of mutual interest. Prior to his departure, Mr. Burchell visited many parts of Australia, addressing public gatherings on Canada's war work and other subjects.

Effective co-operation was maintained during the year with the Canadian Government Trade Commissioners in Sydney and Melbourne.

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, New Zealand

During 1941, the general volume of the work of the Office continued to increase, and questions arising out of the war and the special position of New Zealand in the Pacific continued to receive close attention.

Early in August the Right Honourable J. G. Coates returned from his mission to the United States and Canada and expressed his warm appreciation of the reception with which he had met in both countries, and of the arrangements which had been made in Canada for the supply of munitions and essential equipment to New Zealand. On September 15, 1941, the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. P. Fraser, returned from his visit to the Middle East, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada.

The High Commissioner, Mr. W. A. Riddell, has continued to report on the war effort of the Dominion and on new legislation introduced into Parliament, and to provide information to the New Zealand authorities concerning the Canadian war effort.

Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, South Africa

Dr. H. Laureys, first High Commissioner for Canada in the Union of South Africa, has continued throughout the past year to keep the Government fully informed on the effect of the war on the political, military, and economic life of South Africa. Between January 23 and May 7, 1941, the High Commissioner