

how soon he will reach Canada. In due course, the Canadian Government will appoint a Minister to China."(1)

Dr. Liu Shih Shun presented his Letters of Credence to the Governor General on February 26, 1942, and set up a Legation including a Counsellor, a First Secretary, a Second Secretary, and four Attachés. He established his Legation at 201 Wurtemberg St. This house had been Sir Robert Borden's historic home. After his death it had been jointly occupied for a time by his nephew, Henry Borden, K.C., and R.A. Henry.(2)

Latin America

Several countries of Latin America had, for a few years prior to the War, been pressing Canada to exchange diplomatic missions and to accept representatives of their republics in Canada. These requests were based partly on considerations of mutual trade; partly on a desire to be associated for political reasons, with a North American country additional to the United States, possibly to counteract that great nation's predominance. There were also felt to be cultural affinities between the European-minded Latin Americans and the latinity of French Canada. Canada was not a member of the Pan-American Union of Republics, and it was thought that direct diplomatic relations with Canada might form a useful substitute. On the outbreak of war, Canada was at first the only major country in the Western Hemisphere

(1) H. of C. Debates, November 6, 1941. p.4123.

(2) Lillian Desbarats: Recollections.