

Other inter-American Conferences at which Canada was represented by an observer were the second meeting of the Inter-American Cultural Council in Sao Paulo, and the fourteenth Pan-American Sanitary Conference, in Santiago.

The Canadian diplomatic missions in Latin America have given special attention to economic questions. The Embassy in Brazil, for example, was instrumental in the reduction of commercial arrears to the amount of \$1,600,000. Resident Canadian trade commissioners are members of the staff of these missions and have primary responsibility, under the Department of Trade and Commerce, for the handling of commercial questions.

Activities of Canadian missions included arrangements for participation of Canada in various art exhibitions and film festivals. Examples of these were the one held at Caracas, Venezuela, during the tenth Inter-American Meeting of the Organization of American States, where officials from all parts of Latin America viewed the works of Canadian artists; the one held at Sao Paulo, Brazil, to coincide with the second meeting of the Inter-American Cultural Council; and two film festivals at Montevideo, Uruguay, and Mar del Plata, Argentina.

The Canadian Government sent \$25,000 worth of foodstuffs to Haiti following the disaster caused by hurricane "Hazel", when tens of thousands of persons were left homeless and damages to property and crops were very extensive. An official invitation has been extended to President Magloire of Haiti to visit Canada early in 1955.

An air agreement was signed with Peru on February 18.

The cruiser H.M.C.S. Quebec made official visits to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and to La Guayra, Venezuela, in October.