

25, 1941, arriving back in London by March 14, 1941. A third visit to unoccupied France was made in August and September. During these visits in which Mr. Dupuy looked after the interests of Canadian nationals who were unable to leave France and acted in a general liaison capacity, he discussed with the French authorities at Vichy questions concerning Canadian and other British nationals in France, Canadians interned in the occupied zone, travel and exchange control regulations, and also reported on political developments in unoccupied France. Contact was maintained during the visits with the other diplomatic missions accredited to Vichy. While in London, the Charge d'Affaires was in frequent communication with the various United Kingdom Government Departments to whom information concerning developments in France was made available.

Canadian Legation, Brazil

The first Canadian Minister to Brazil, Mr. Jean Desy, arrived in Rio de Janeiro on September 10, 1941, accompanied by Mr. R. A. D. Ford, Third Secretary. He has since been joined by Mr. Leon Mayrand, formerly Second Secretary in the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London.

The Chancery of the Legation was established in the Palace Hotel, pending the renting of permanent offices in the vicinity.

The Canadian Minister presented his credentials to the President of Brazil on September 30 and also transmitted to the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Oswaldo Aranha, a personal message from the Prime Minister of Canada, expressing the satisfaction of the Canadian Government at the opening of the Canadian Legation in Rio de Janeiro.

Shortly after the establishment of the Legation in Rio, the Minister and his staff welcomed to Brazil the Canadian Trade Mission to South America. The Mission was composed of the Honourable James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce; L. D. Wilgress, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce; Yves Lamontagne, Director of Commercial Relations, Department of Trade and Commerce; Escott Reid, Second Secretary, Department of External Affairs; and A. C. L. Adams, private secretary of the Minister. The visit was marked by the signing of a Canadian-Brazilian Trade Agreement at the Palacio Itamaraty by the Canadian Minister and Mr. MacKinnon for the Government of Canada and by Dr. Oswaldo Aranha for the Government of Brazil.

A great volume of publicity was accorded to the Mission by the Brazilian newspapers. Many articles were published on the subject of the Trade Agreement and the presence of the Mission did much to publicise Canada in Brazil.

Since the opening of the Legation, many inquiries have been received dealing with agricultural, commercial, industrial and cultural conditions in Canada, and a considerable number of articles on Canada have appeared in the Brazilian press.

Canadian Legation, Argentina and Chile

The Honourable W. F. A. Turgeon was appointed by the Canadian Government as first Canadian Minister to Argentina in the summer of 1941. It was announced on October 9 that Mr. Turgeon would also be accredited as Canadian Minister to Chile. He arrived at Buenos Aires on October 30, accompanied by Mr. K. P. Kirkwood, First Secretary, and Mr. Gilles Sicotte, Third Secretary. Letters of Credence were presented to the Vice-President of the Argentine Republic in exercise of Executive Power, on November 13; and on the same day messages were exchanged between the Prime Minister of Canada and the Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs.

A Legation residence, and Chancery quarters, were established shortly after the arrival of the Mission.