

The Consulate for Canada in Godthaab was closed on June 21, 1946; the building which had been erected, and furnishings, were sold by the Canadian Government to the Greenland Administration, after a negative decision to turn it into a joint scientific station.

#### St. Pierre

As early as June, 1940, with the surrender of France, the Canadian Government became concerned over the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon in the mouth of the St. Lawrence. As a later plebiscite of 1942 revealed, 98 per cent of the small French population were in favour of the Free French led by General de Gaulle, but the administration of the island was representative of the Axis-dominated Vichy Government. Fears were felt in Canada, and also in the U.S.A. and United Kingdom, that the islands might be used in the interests of the Axis and endanger the Allied convoy system in the West Atlantic, and that the radio and cable facilities might be utilized for broadcasting information of value to the enemy.

It was decided in principle on August 19, 1941, to appoint a Canadian "observer" with a status of Vice-Consul to St. Pierre; but this step was delayed because of the inability of the Department "to find a really