

satisfactory at the present time. I am sorry to learn that our inability to extend an invitation to the President of Venezuela to visit Ottawa during his visit to the United States had left behind a certain soreness. Unfortunately, the hint that an invitation would be welcome came at a time when our parliament was just beginning its session, and the Prime Minister and senior members of the Cabinet were very much preoccupied with the necessary preparations for it. When the strain of the European war is over, there may perhaps be an opportunity when you can advise us of the visit of some senior figure in the Venezuelan administration to the United States, whom you would consider it helpful for us to invite to Ottawa.

I note also your reference to the possibility of a considerable market for goods from the British Commonwealth in Venezuela, and the current success of the American drive for that market. I have been looking up our trade figures with Venezuela, and find that, within the last three years, our imports have ranged between six and nine millions of dollars, while our exports have declined from almost \$1,750,000.00 in 1941 to approximately \$750,000.00 in 1943. Shipping difficulties and the strain upon our industrial resources of wartime production have, of course, operated adversely against us in the Latin American market, as they have for the United Kingdom. Yet there is no doubt that Canadian manufacturers are interested in the prospects for postwar trade in Latin America, and I shall pass on to the proper officials in Trade and Commerce your comments on the opportunities for us in Venezuela.

I appreciate your interest in things Canadian, and will be glad to hear from you further from time to time on such topics as you think would be of significance to us.

Yours sincerely,

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au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Chargé d'Affaires of Yugoslavia
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Ottawa, December 8, 1945

Sir,

By order of my Government, I have the honour to inform the Government of the Dominion of Canada that the Yugoslav Constituent Assembly, at its first meeting, held in Belgrade on November 29th, 1945, has proclaimed Yugoslavia