

In March, 1944, Mr. Turgeon left Argentina for Canada prior to his new appointment to Mexico, and the Legation was left in charge of K.P. Kirkwood, Counsellor and Chargé d'Affaires, for a year and a half. His successor was not appointed until August 7, 1945. In the interval, after the revolutionary Argentine Government had declared war on Germany and Japan, normal diplomatic relations, which had been <sup>informally</sup> suspended, were resumed with the administration on April 9, 1945. (1)

In August, 1945, the Legation was raised to an Embassy, and Mr. Warwick Chipman, Ambassador in Chile, appointed on August 7th, came to Buenos Aires as Ambassador to the Argentine Republic. Recognition of the Argentine Government, which had been held in abeyance following the Peron coup d'état of 1943, had been accorded by means of a note to the Minister for Foreign Affairs acknowledging an official communication, followed by Mr. Chipman's presentation of credentials to President Peron.

#### Chile

Mr. Turgeon flew to Santiago on January 2, 1942, and presented his credentials to the Vice-President and Acting President of Chile, Mr. Jeronimo Mendez, as first Canadian Minister to Chile. He was accompanied by Gilles Sicotte. After less than a month in Santiago, making official calls and acting as Canadian Delegate to the International Congress of Geology and Mining Engineering, he returned to Buenos Aires, leaving the Legation vacant and in charge of the British Embassy.

(1) See F.H. Soward. Canada in World Affairs, 1944-46, p. 280-2.