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In recognition of the desirability of establishing direct diplomatic relations between them, the Governments of Canada and Spain have agreed to exchange Missions of Embassy rank. The establishment of a Canadian diplomatic Mission in Madrid marks an important step in the completion of Canadian diplomatic representation among the countries of Western Europe.

Since February 1950, Canada has been represented in Madrid by a Trade Commissioner, Mr. E.H. Maguire, indicating the Canadian desire to foster trade with Spain. It is hoped that the exchange of diplomatic representation will lead to a further strengthening and expansion of mutually beneficial commercial relations. Spain had consular representation in Canada before the war and has maintained a Consulate General in Montreal since 1946.

It is expected that the Canadian Embassy in Madrid will be opened later in the year and a subsequent announcement will be made regarding the appointment of a Canadian Ambassador.

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