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The Canadian Government today designated the three Canadian representatives for the International Supervisory Commissions for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia which are to supervise the cease-fire and armistice agreements in Indochina. The final cessation of hostilities took place August 11, 1954.

Mr. Sherwood Lett has been appointed the Canadian representative on the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam; Mr. Leon Mayrand on the Commission for Laos and Mr. R. M. Macdonnell on that for Cambodia. The Commissioners will have the rank of Ambassador.

Mr. Lett served with gallantry and distinction in the First and Second World Wars, and retired from the Army with the rank of Brigadier. He is Chancellor of the University of British Columbia and a past President of the Vancouver Law Society. He will return to his law practice in Vancouver after a year's absence with the Commission in Vietnam, which is now established at Hanoi.

Mr. R. M. Macdonnell, an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs has served in Washington, Kuibyshev, Prague and Paris. He attended the preliminary discussions in New Delhi, proceeded to Indochina with the advance mission and is temporarily serving as Acting Commissioner in Vietnam. Meanwhile, the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, Mr. T. R. G. Fletcher, is presently serving as Acting Commissioner in Cambodia.

Mr. Mayrand has been the Canadian Ambassador to Chile since 1951. A member of the Department of External Affairs for twenty years, Mr. Mayrand has held diplomatic appointments in London, Rio de Janeiro and Moscow, as well as Santiago. Mr. Frank Ballachey of the Department of External Affairs, who reached Laos on August 10, is meanwhile serving as Acting Commissioner in the Laotian capital, Vientiane.
