

Sydney David Pierce, O.B.E., was born in Montreal in 1901 and is a graduate of McGill University. He served on the editorial staff of the Montreal Gazette (1925-26) and of the Associated Press in New York (1927). From 1928 to 1939 he was employed in private business. In 1940 Mr. Pierce joined the Department of Munitions and Supply and became Director General of its Washington office. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1944 and three years later was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Mexico. In 1949 he was named Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce. In 1950 Mr. Pierce became Canadian Representative to the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, Paris, and in 1951 was appointed Director of the Washington office of the Department of Defence Production, with the rank of Minister. In 1953 Mr. Pierce was appointed Ambassador to Brazil. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Leon Mayrand was born in Montreal in 1905 and is a graduate of the Universities of Montreal and Paris. He also studied at the London School of Economics. Mr. Mayrand served on the Editorial Staff of "La Patrie", Montreal, (1933-34) and joined the Department of External Affairs as a Third Secretary in 1934. He has served abroad at diplomatic missions in London, Rio de Janeiro and Moscow. In 1949 he was appointed an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. In 1951 Mr. Mayrand was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Chile and in 1954 Canadian Commissioner, International Supervisory Commission for Laos, Indochina. Mr. Mayrand has recently returned from Vientiane. He is married and has three children.

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