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The Department of External Affairs announced today the opening of a Canadian Consulate General at Seattle, Wash., and the appointment as Consul General there of Mr. C.N. Senior, who has been serving as Canadian Consul at San Francisco since 1948. Mr. Senior will take up his new duties in September.

Charles Norman Senior was born in Toronto, on October 22, 1891. Except for three years during World War I when he served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Mr. Senior was engaged in newspaper work from 1909 until 1934, serving in various editorial capacities for Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria newspapers.

From 1935 until 1938, Mr. Senior was Private Secretary and Executive Assistant to the Rt. Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence and later Minister of Pensions and National Health and of Veterans' Affairs. From 1943 to 1946, he was Secretary of the General Advisory Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation. Mr. Senior joined the Department of External Affairs in April, 1948, and was appointed Consul at San Francisco later that year. He is married and has one child.

The Seattle Consulate General will serve the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and the territory of Alaska, which were formerly served by the Canadian Consulate General in San Francisco.