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The Department of External Affairs announced today that His Excellency Sergio Fenoaltea presented to His Excellency the Governor General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jules Léger, was in attendance on the Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Ambassador to the Governor General. The Ambassador was accompanied by the following members of his staff:

Mr. Folco Aloisi de Larderel, Counsellor;

Colcnel Mario Bucchi, Military, Naval and Air Attaché;

Mr. Paolo Savini, Commercial Attaché;

Mr. Francesco Tassistro, Attaché

Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor General was also present.

Mr. Fencaltea, who was born in Rome in 1908 received the degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Rome in 1929. In 1944 he was appointed Under-Secretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy. In the following year, he became a Member of the National Consultative Assembly. He served as Ambassador to China from 1946 to 1950. Before being appointed to Canada, he was Assistant Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
