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His Excellency Dr. Luis Esteves Fernandes presented today to the Honourable Justice Patrick Kerwin, Deputy Governor General, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Portugal to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at the Supreme Court Building.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jules Léger, was in attendance on the Deputy Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Ambassador to the Deputy Governor General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Dr. Eduardo Braga Conde, Second Secretary. Mr. J. F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General (Administrative), was also present.

Dr. Fernandes has been accredited as Minister to Canada since June 1952, and his appointment as Ambassador follows the recent agreement between Canada and Portugal for the exchange of diplomatic representation at the level of Embassy.

Dr. Fernandes, who was born in 1897, is a Doctor of Laws of the University of Lisbon. He entered the Portuguese foreign service in 1920, and since then has represented his country at several posts including Paris, London, Madrid and Tokyo. In 1946 he became Director General of Economic Affairs in the Portuguese foreign ministry. In 1950 he was appointed Ambassador in Washington, the post which he will still hold concurrently with that of Ambassador to Canada.

Dr. Esteves Fernandes is married.
