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## MARYON PEARSON ART COLLECTION PRESENTED TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the official unveiling of the Maryon Pearson Art Collection of Canadian paintings at 7 Rideau Gate on Thursday, February 16. Mrs. Maryon Pearson, widow of the late Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, did much to encourage the work of contemporary Canadian artists and to foster an appreciation of the work of earlier and less well known Canadians in the fields of the visual and plastic arts and crafts. Mrs. Pearson donated the collection of paintings to the Department of External Affairs with which she and her family have been associated for so long.

Mr. MacEachen said it has been decided to display the Maryon Pearson Art Collection at 7 Rideau Gate, the official Government guest house, for the enjoyment of distinguished visitors from abroad and their Canadian hosts.

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