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THE NEWLY-APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA, MAJOR GENERAL SIR WALTER CAWTHORN, C.B., C.I.E., C.B.E., THIS MORNING MADE HIS FIRST CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. F.T. HOMER, FIRST SECRETARY OF HIS OFFICE, WAS INTRODUCED BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H.F. FEAVER.

SIR WALTER CAWTHORN WAS BORN IN MELBOURNE IN 1896. HE HELD SEVERAL SENIOR POSTS IN THE INDIAN ARMY, IN WHICH HE SERVED UNTIL 1947, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO IN 1945. FROM 1948 TO 1951, HE SERVED WITH THE PAKISTAN ARMY AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO OTTAWA, HE WAS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA TO PAKISTAN.

LADY CAWTHORN ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND TO CANADA.