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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced the appointment of the Honourable Roland Roy McMurtry, Q.C., M.P.P., (51), born in Toronto, Ontario, as High Commissioner for Canada to Britain to succeed the Honourable Don C. Jamieson. Mr. McMurtry will assume his duties as High Commissioner in the spring. Mr. Clark paid tribute to Mr. Jamieson who, since his appointment as High Commissioner in January 1983, has represented Canada in Britain with great distinction; he thanked Mr. Jamieson for agreeing last autumn to remain in London after the change of government.

Mr. McMurtry [B.A. (Honours), Trinity College, University of Toronto, 1954; LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1958] was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1958 and, from 1958 to 1975, was a partner in the law firm of Benson, McMurtry, Percival and Brown. In 1970 Mr. McMurtry was appointed a Queen's Counsel. In 1975, Mr. McMurtry was elected to the Ontario Legislature as M.P.P. for Eglinton; he was re-elected in 1977 and 1981. Mr. McMurtry was appointed to his present position as Attorney General for Ontario in 1975, and from 1978 to 1982 held the additional portfolio of Solicitor General for Ontario.