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The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. Francisque Gay presented this morning to the Deputy Governor General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France in Canada.

The Right Honourable L. S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs was present. Mr. Gay was presented to the Deputy Governor General by Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs. Mr. Jean Basdevant, Counsellor, Mr. Bernard Le Chartier, Commercial Counsellor and Financial Attache, and Captain Jacques Herve, Assistant Military Attache, of the French Embassy, accompanied the Ambassador.

In 1932 Mr. Gay founded L'Aube and remained its director until June 1940. He was a member of the Parti Democratique Populaire and a collaborator of Mr. Georges Bidault in the Nouvelles Equipes Francaises. In 1940 he refused to publish his paper under the Vichy regime, and from 1941 he devoted himself to the underground work done by the General Council for Study.

In 1946 Mr. Gay was on the Executive Committee of the Mouvement Republicain Populaire. Since then he has been a member successively of the Consultative, the Constituent and the National Assemblies. He was a Minister of State without portfolio in the De Gaulle Ministry in November 1945, and Vice President of the Council without portfolio in the succeeding Gouin Ministry in January 1946.