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His Excellency Mariano de Yturralde y Orbegoso presented today to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Spain to Canada.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Brooke Claxton, was in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Fernando Olivié, Secretary of the Embassy, and Lt.-Col. Carlos Iniesta, Military Attaché. Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor-General, was also present.

Mr. de Yturralde was born in 1904. After graduating in law, he entered the Spanish Diplomatic Service in 1929. He has represented his country in Panama, Venezuela, Ireland, the United States of America, and served as Consul-General of Spain at Montreal from 1950 to 1952. He has held several important posts in the Spanish Government, having been appointed Secretary General of the Directorate General of Commerce (1940); Director General of Commerce (1946); Director General of Foreign Affairs (1947); Director General of Foreign Policy (1952).

Mr. de Yturralde is the first diplomatic Envoy of Spain to Canada.