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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the appointment of Mr. Bruce Irving Rankin, at present Deputy Consul General (Commercial) in New York City, to be Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. He will succeed Mr. J.C.L.Y. Beaulne, whose appointment as Minister in Washington was recently announced.

Mr. Rankin was born in Brandon, Manitoba, on March 20, 1918, and after graduating from the University of Alberta in 1941, he joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. On his discharge from the Navy in 1945, he joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Rankin has served as Trade Commissioner in Sydney, Shanghai, Bombay, Madrid and Berne from 1946-1959 when he was posted to New York as Deputy Consul General (Commercial).

He is married and has three children.