

PRESS RELEASE

LÉON MAYRAND

Mr. Mayrand was born in Montreal in 1905. He is a graduate of the University of Montreal and the University of Paris and also studied at the London School of Economics. Mr. Mayrand served on the Editorial Staff of "La Patrie", Montreal, 1933-34, and joined the Department of External Affairs in 1934. He has served abroad at diplomatic missions in London, Rio de Janeiro and Moscow. In 1949 he was appointed an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. In 1951 Mr. Mayrand was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Chile and in 1954 Canadian Commissioner, International Supervisory Commission for Laos, Indochina. In 1956 Mr. Mayrand took up his duties as Ambassador to Spain, a post which he has held since.

He is married and has three children.