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The Department of External Affairs announces that

Vicomte du Parc presented today to His Excellency the Governor

General at Government House his Letter of Credence as Ambassador

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium in Canada.

Mr. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, was present. Baron Pierre de Gaiffier d'Hestroy, First Secretary of the Belgian Embassy, and Major J. A. Ducq, Military and Air Attache, accompanied the Ambassador. Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs, presented Vicomte du Pare to His Excellency the Governor General.

Vicomte du .Parc was born in Brussels in 1892. He is a Doctor of Law of the University of Louvain. He served in the Belgian Army during the First Great War and was seriously wounded. Vicomte du Parc entered the Diplomatic Service of his country in 1920 and he served in posts abroad as well as at the Belgian Foreign Office. He took an active part in United Nations conferences, in particular U.N.R.R.A. and the Commission on Food and Agriculture.

Prior to his present appointment as Belgian Ambassador in Canada, Vicomte du Parc was Minister of Belgium in Sweden.