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The Department of External Affairs announced today that His Excellency Francis Lacoste presented to His Excellency the Governor General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, was in attendance on the Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Ambassador to the Governor General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Gaspard de Villelume, Counsellor; Colonel André Deperrois, Military Attaché; Mr. Raymond Treuil, Commercial Counsellor; Mr. Jean Mouton, Cultural Counsellor; and Mr. Fernand Rouillon, First Secretary. Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor General and Mr. J.F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General (Administrative), were also present.

Mr. Lacoste was born in 1905. After graduating from the Ecole des Sciences Politiques, he entered the Foreign Service in 1929. Since then, he has represented his country in Yugoslavia, China, the United States, and at the United Nations. Before his appointment to Canada he was Resident General of France in Morocco. During the war, Mr. Lacoste served with the French Resistance Forces and has been awarded the Legion of Honour (rank of Officer) and the Croix de Guerre. Mr. Lacoste is married and has four children.
