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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. Richard P. Bower as Ambassador of Canada to Japan. Mr. Bower, currently Canadian Ambassador to Argentina with concurrent accreditations to Uruguay and Paraguay, succeeds Mr. F.W. Bull who was recently appointed Ambassador to the Netherlands.

Mr. Bower was born to Canadian parents in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1905. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. He joined the Foreign Trade Service in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1930 and has served abroad at Rotterdam, Djakarta, Auckland, Sydney, St. John's, Newfoundland, and London.

Mr. Bower transferred to the Department of External Affairs in 1956; he served as Ambassador to Venezuela until 1958. At that time he was appointed Ambassador to Argentina and in 1961 he was concurrently accredited to Uruguay and to Paraguay.

Mr. Bower is married and has three children.