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HIS EXCELLENCY SIR VELUPILLAI COOMARASWAMY, C.M.G., THE NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CEYLON IN CANADA, MADE HIS FIRST CALL ON THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, THE HONOURABLE DONALD M. FLEMING, ON FRIDAY, MARCH 14, AT 3 P.M. SIR VELUPILLAI COOMARASWAMY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. Y. YOGASUNDRAM, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR VELUPILLAI COOMARASWAMY WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1892. HE HAS HELD A NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS IN THE CEYLON CIVIL SERVICE, WHICH HE JOINED IN 1913. FROM 1945-47 HE SERVED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CEYLON IN MALAYA. FOLLOWING A BRIEF TOUR OF DUTY AS PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, HE WAS NAMED DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CEYLON IN LONDON IN 1948, WHERE HE REMAINED TILL HIS APPOINTMENT IN 1953 AS ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF HIS COUNTRY IN BURMA.

SIR VELUPILLAI COOMARASWAMY WAS AWARDED THE C.M.G. IN 1947 AND WAS KNIGHTED IN 1952.