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Dr. Max Loewenthal-Chlumecky presented today to the Deputy Governor General, the Honourable Thibaudau Rinfret, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Austria to Canada. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court of Canada Building.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.D. Wilgress, was present. Mr. H.F. Feaver, Head of the Protocol Division, presented Dr. Loewenthal to the Deputy Governor General. The Minister was accompanied by Dr. Walther Peinsipp, Counsellor of the Legation of Austria.

Dr. Loewenthal is Austria's first Minister to Canada. The Austrian Legation in Ottawa was opened on August 22, 1952.

Dr. Loewenthal was born in 1908. Following his graduation from University as Doctor of Law in 1931, he practised law for a short time. He entered the diplomatic service in 1932 and was appointed Commercial Attaché at the Austrian Legation in Prague. From 1935 to 1938 he served successively at the Austrian Legation in Paris and in the Austrian Foreign Office. Following the occupation of Austria in 1938, he was placed on the "inactive list" and resumed the private practice of law. In September 1945, he re-entered the Austrian Foreign Service and was delegated by his country to various international conferences.

Dr. Loewenthal became Ambassador of Austria to the United States in February 1952 and is performing the functions of that office concurrently with his post as Minister to Canada. He is married and has one daughter.