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In recognition of the growing importance of their commercial relations and of the desirability of establishing direct diplomatic relations between them, the Governments of Canada and Venezuela have agreed to exchange missions of embassy rank.

Mr. Henry G. Norman, C.M.G., 62, of Montreal, has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela.

Mr. Norman, who recently retired from Price, Waterhouse & Company, received his education at the University of Alberta where he graduated as a Chartered Accountant in 1914. During the First World War he served as an officer in the Canadian Machine Gun Corps with the 51st Overseas Battalion. During the Second World War, Mr. Norman was adviser to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. He was also instrumental in creating the RCAF Benevolent Fund in 1943 and has acted as the Honorary Treasurer of that organization since then. In addition, Mr. Norman collaborated with the founders of the Air Cadet League in integrating it with the RCAF and in initiating the program of interchange of cadets between the United Kingdom and Canada.

For his services during the War, Mr. Norman was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1944, and also received the Haakon 7th Freedom Medal from the King of Norway in 1948.

Mr. Norman served for several years on the Council of the Society of Chartered Accountants of the Province of Quebec, of which he was elected President in 1944. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants from 1938 to 1941 and served as President of that Association in 1943. He was one of the first Governors of the Canadian Tax Foundation, which was created in 1945, and has also been active in the affairs of the Welfare Federation of Montreal. Mr. Norman was President of the St. George's Society in 1934, 1935 and 1939; and also served as Treasurer of the Diocese of Montreal of the Anglican Church from 1946 to 1950.

Mr. Norman is married.