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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1960.

His Excellency Mr. A.H.J. Lovink today presented to the Governor-General his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of The Netherlands to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House at 11:00 a.m. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver presented the Ambassador to His Excellency the Governor-General. Mr. Henry F. Davis, representing the Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General were in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion. The Ambassador was accompanied by:

Mr. M.J. Rosenberg Polak, Counsellor

Lt. Col. Jonkheer Dr. R.W.C.G.A. Wittert van Hoogland,
Air, Military and Naval Attaché

Mr. G.W.J. Pieters, Attaché (Agriculture and Social Affairs)

Mr. C. Bellaar Spruyt, First Secretary (Information)

Mr. B. van Eyk, First Secretary

Mr. M.H.E. Moerel, First Secretary (Commercial)

Mr. F. Preys, Assistant Attaché, (Social Affairs)

This was the second occasion on which Mr. Lovink presented to the Governor-General of Canada Letters of Credence as The Netherlands Ambassador as he earlier occupied this post from 1950 to 1957.

Mr. Lovink has had a distinguished career in the Foreign Service of The Netherlands. He was Ambassador at Chungking from 1943 to 1947 and at Moscow in 1947. From 1948 to 1949 he was Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at The Hague. In June 1949 he was appointed High Representative of the Crown at Jakarta, (Batavia) where he remained until the transfer of sovereignty in Indonesia on December 27, 1949. In 1957, following seven years in Canada, Mr. Lovink was appointed Ambassador to Australia where he served until June, 1960 when he was appointed, for the second time, Ambassador to Canada. He succeeds Mr. D.J. von Balluseck, who recently retired from the diplomatic service.

Mr. Lovink is married and has four children.