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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY JACQUES DE THIER PRESENTED TO THE ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL, THE HONOURABLE C.H. LOCKE, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA, HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF BELGIUM TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. JULES LEGER, WAS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. J.A. MCCORDICK, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PRINCE WERNER DE MERODE, COUNSELLOR. MR. J.F. DELAUTE, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE) WAS ALSO PRESENT.

MR. DE THIER WAS BORN IN 1900. SINCE HIS ENTRY INTO THE BELGIAN FOREIGN SERVICE HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES AT BERLIN, TEHRAN, WASHINGTON, MADRID, NEW YORK AND MEXICO CITY. BEFORE BEING APPOINTED TO CANADA, MR. DE THIER WAS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.