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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Government of Canada and the Government of Haiti have agreed to exchange diplomatic missions.

The first Haitian consular office in Canada was opened in 1880, when an honorary consul of Haiti was appointed in Halifax. In 1944, the Consulate General of Haiti was established in Ottawa. Since 1921, Canada has been represented in Haiti by non-resident trade commissioners.

Canadian relations with Haiti have become of increasing importance in recent years and it is now desired to establish, before the end of 1954, an Embassy of Canada at Port-au-Prince, and an Embassy of Haiti at Ottawa.
