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VISIT TO FREDERICTON OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE MARK MACGUIGAN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, will be in Fredericton on October 16 and 17. He will take this opportunity to visit the Regional Passport Office on the 16th, where he will host a reception.

The Passport Office, which is located at Kings Place, Sixth Floor, and directed by Miss Marsha Firth, was officially opened on May 5th this year by Senator Charles McElman on behalf of the Minister. This office together with three other new offices opened this year in Windsor, Victoria and London brought to sixteen the number of Regional Passport Offices in major population centres across Canada. This falls within the Government's policy of decentralizing the passport system, thereby improving passport services to Canadian travellers.

In the five months since the beginning of its operations, the Fredericton Passport Office has provided services to over 2,500 Canadian travellers.

Among the several advantages offered to those who wish to use the Regional Passport Office are:

1. Fast service. An applicant who brings in his completed application form will normally have his passport in 72 hours.
2. Assistance in any problems in filling out the application.

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