

MAJOR GENERAL THE HONOURABLE LEO RICHER LAFLECHE, D.S.O.

General LaFleche was born in Concordia, Kansas, on April 16, 1888, and was educated at Sorel and Montreal, P.Q. He has received Honorary Degrees from the Universities of Montreal, Ottawa, Athens and Salonika. During the first World War he served in France with the Royal 22nd Regiment and was awarded the D.S.O., and Mentioned in Despatches and was made a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour. From 1920 to 1939 General LaFleche was a member of the Canadian Government Purchasing Commission. From 1930 to 1932 he served as a member of the Federal Sessions Appeal Court and in 1932 was appointed Deputy Minister of National Defence. In 1940 General LaFleche was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services, which post he held until he entered the Cabinet as Minister of National War Services in 1942.

General LaFleche became Canada's first Ambassador to Greece in 1945, a post which he held until his appointment as Canadian High Commissioner to Australia in 1949. In April 1952 he was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Argentina and was accredited concurrently as Ambassador to Uruguay in January 1953. He is expected to return to Canada in July. General LaFleche is married and has five children.

ROBERT ALEXANDER MACKAY

Dr. R. A. MacKay was born in Victoria County, Ontario, on January 2, 1894, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto in 1920. He obtained a Ph.D. at Princeton University in 1924. During World War I Dr. MacKay served overseas in the Canadian Army, Mentioned in Despatches, 1918. He was an Assistant Professor of Government at Cornell University, 1925-27, and a Professor of Government and Political Science at Dalhousie University, 1927-1943. He served as a member of the Royal Commission on Dominion Provincial Relations from 1937-40. Dr. MacKay was President of the Canadian Political Science Association, 1943-44, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He is the author of a number of works on Canadian History and Political Economy, including "The Unreformed Senate of Canada", "Canada Looks Abroad" (with Benjamin Rogers), and "Newfoundland" (with S. A. Saunders, A.M. Fraser and others).

Dr. MacKay joined the Department of External Affairs as a Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1943, was appointed an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1952, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in January 1954 and Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in August 1954. He served as Deputy Chairman of the committee of officials on Union of Newfoundland with Canada, 1948-49, has attended a number of International Conferences, and has been the External Affairs Member of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence since 1950. Dr. MacKay is married and has four children.

WILMOT DONALD MATTHEWS

Mr. Matthews was born in Toronto on July 2, 1906. He attended the Royal Military College in Kingston, 1923-24, and the University of Toronto, 1925-29, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He attended Osgoode Hall Law School, 1930-33, Mr. Matthews practised law in Toronto between 1933 and 1937 and was a partner of Wills, Bickle and Cayley (Stockbrokers) in Toronto 1937-39. Between 1939 and 1943 he was Supervisor of the Foreign Exchange Control Board in Ottawa.

Mr. Matthews joined the Department of External Affairs as Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1943. He became Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1947 and was appointed Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington in 1949 where he served until his appointment as Canadian Minister to Sweden and Finland in October 1952. Mr. Matthews is married and has five children.