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The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced the appointment of Mr. William Moore Benidickson, M.P. for Kenora-Rainy River and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transport, as Special Representative of the Government of Canada to the celebrations for the inauguration of the President of Iceland. These ceremonies are to take place at Reykjavik, Iceland, on August 1.

Mr. Benidickson will transmit to the new President of Iceland, Mr. Asgeir Asgeirsson, the following message from the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Alphonse Fournier:

"On the occasion of Your Excellency's inauguration as President of the Republic of Iceland, I wish to extend to you my warmest congratulations and the best wishes of the Government and people of Canada.

"I am confident that the cordial relations which have always existed between our two nations will for the future be increasingly close and that in these times of world unrest, Iceland and Canada will jointly make an effective contribution to the cause of peace.

"Upon your accession to this high and distinguished office, may I assure Your Excellency of the sincere friendship which the Government and people of Canada entertain for Your Excellency and for the Government and people of Iceland."

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