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The Department of External Affairs announced that Mr. Hubert Guerin presented today to the Deputy Governor General, the Rt. Hon. Thibaudeau Rinfret, at the Supreme Court Building, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Canada.

Mr. Brooke Claxton, Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, was present. Mr. Jean Basdevant, Counsellor at the French Embassy, Colonel Gilbert Andrier, Military, Naval and Air Attache, and Mr. Pierre Queuille, Commercial Counsellor and Financial Attache, accompanied the Ambassador. Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs, presented Mr. Hubert Guerin to the Deputy Governor General.

Mr. Hubert Guérin was born in 1896, is married and has two children. He entered the French diplomatic service in 1920 and served at Washington and at other posts both at the Foreign Office and abroad, becoming Minister of France to Finland in 1941. In 1944 he was appointed by the French Committee of National Liberation as Delegate to the Holy See. He was Ambassador to the Netherlands in 1945 and Ambassador to Brazil in 1946. Mr. Guérin served in the French forces in the 1914-18 war, and was awarded the Legion of Honour and the Croix de Guerre.