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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the High Commissioner for Canada in Nigeria, Mr. T. LeM. Carter, who is also to be High Commissioner for Canada in Sierra Leone, will lead the Canadian Delegation to the Sierra Leone independence celebrations on April 27, 1961. Mr. Carter will be accompanied by an officer of the Department of External affairs.

It was announced recently from Naval Headquarters that the destroyer, H.M.C.S. <u>Algonquin</u>, commanded by Captain A.F. Pickard R.C.N., will make an official visit to Sierra Leone at the time of the independence ceremonies. It is anticipated that members of the ship's company will participate in the official celebrations.