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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the accreditation of Mr. Michel Gauvin, Canadian Ambassador to Ethiopia, as the first Canadian Ambassador to the Malagasy Republic. Mr. Gauvin will remain resident in Addis Ababa.

Mr. Gauvin, who was born in Quebec City on April 7, 1919, was educated at St. Charles Garnier, Quebec, Laval University and Carleton College. He served with the Canadian Army from 1940 to 1947 and was awarded the DSO.

Mr. Gauvin joined the Department of External Affairs in March 1947 and was on loan to the Office of the Prime Minister until 1950. He served abroad in Ankara and Lisbon and as Adviser to the Canadian Commissioners International Control Commission in Indochina. In February 1961, Mr. Gauvin was appointed acting Consul General in Leopoldville and Chargé d'Affaires a.i. in June 1962. In 1963-64 he attended National Defence College, Kingston. Mr. Gauvin was sent on special missions, in November 1964, to the Congo in connection with the release of Canadian hostages held in Stanleyville and, in May - June 1965, to the Dominican Republic. He was appointed as Ambassador to Ethiopia in November, 1965.

Mr. Gauvin is married and has two children.