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The Department of External Affairs announced today that two vacancies created in the establishment of the Department by the appointments of Mr. Escott Reid as High Commissioner to India and of Mr. H. O. Moran as Ambassador to Turkey will be filled by the promotions to Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs of Mr. R. A. MacKay and Mr. R. M. Macdonnell.

Mr. MacKay, who has been head of the Defence Liaison Division of the Department since 1949, was born in Victoria County, Ont., on January 2, 1894 and studied at Toronto and Princeton Universities. He served in the Canadian Army during World War I, was professor of political science at Dalhousie University, 1927-43 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, 1937-40. Mr. MacKay joined the Department as Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in August, 1943, and was appointed head of the Commonwealth Division, 1947. He attended the Meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, London, 1949, as adviser to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. He has attended international conferences including sessions of the North Atlantic Council, London, 1950, Ottawa, 1951 and Rome, 1951. He is the member for External Affairs on the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

Mr. Macdonnell, who recently returned from Paris where he served as Minister of the Canadian Embassy from January, 1950, was born in Vernon, B.C., on May 11, 1909. He attended Manitoba and Oxford Universities, 1925-32. Mr. Macdonnell joined the Department in 1934, served at the Canadian Legations in Washington, 1935, and in Kuibyshev, 1943. He attended the International Civil Aviation Conference, Chicago, 1944, the Interim Council of PICA0, Montreal, 1945, the Canada-United States Conference on Conservation of Fisheries Resources of the Great Lakes, Ottawa, 1945, the Joint Canada-United States Committee on Customs Procedures, Washington, 1946, the Second Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, 1946, the Fourth Session, Paris, 1948, and the Sixth Session, Paris, 1951, the General Council of IRO, Geneva, 1949. Mr. Macdonnell was appointed head of the Department's Third Political Division in 1945 and was posted as Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. to the Canadian Legation, Prague, 1947, where he served until his appointment to Paris.