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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. Hector Allard as Ambassador of Canada in Denmark. Mr. Allard succeeds Mr. J. B. C. Watkins, who has been assigned to duty in Ottawa.

Mr. Allard was born in Notre Dame de Grace, Manitoba, in 1902. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and of Oxford University.

He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1932, after having been for four years on the teaching staff of the University of Manitoba and that of Alberta. Abroad he served as an officer at our embassies in Washington, Mexico City, and Brussels. He was charged with the task of establishing Canada's first Embassy in Mexico in March, 1944. On his return from Belgium, Mr. Allard was for more than two years Chief of the International Refugee Organization's Mission in Canada. In 1953, he was appointed Permanent Representative and Minister of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations, where he transformed our post-war Geneva office into the present Permanent Mission of Canada in that city. From 1957 to 1959 he was Canadian Ambassador to Cuba and concurrently to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Allard is married.