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The Department of External Affairs announced that Dr. Luis Esteves Fernandes presented today to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Portugal to Canada.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.D. Wilgress, was present. The Head of the Protocol Division, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented Dr. Esteves Fernandes to His Excellency the Governor General. The Minister was accompanied by Mr. G. Caldeira Coelho, First Secretary.

Dr. Esteves Fernandes is the first diplomatic Envoy of Portugal to Canada. He was born in 1897. He is a Doctor of Laws of the University of Lisbon. He is a career diplomat, having entered the Portuguese Foreign Service in 1920. He has represented his country at several posts including Paris, London, Madrid, Tokyo. In 1946, he became Director General of Economic Affairs in the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1950, he became Ambassador in Washington, a post which he still holds concurrently with that of Minister to Canada.

Dr. Esteves Fernandes is married.
