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Changed and enlarged Cabinet – new Secretary of State for External Affairs

Changes in the Cabinet announced by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau on September 14 include seven newcomers, nine reassignments and two new portfolios, enlarging the Cabinet to 31, with 15 ministers retaining their positions. There were 27 before the announcement.

The new Secretary of State for External Affairs is Donald C. Jamieson, former Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who replaces Allan J. MacEachen now President of the Privy Council and Government House leader.

Newcomers

The seven new ministers, sworn in by Governor-General Jules Léger on September 15, include Leonard S. Marchand of British Columbia, the first Indian to achieve Cabinet status, and two women, Monique Bégin of the province of Quebec and Iona Campagnolo of British Columbia, making a total of three women in the Cabinet for the first time, with Mrs. Jeanne Sauvé, who is Minister of Communications.

The other newcomers are John Roberts, Anthony Abbott and Jean-Jacques Blais of Ontario and Francis

Fox of the province of Quebec.

Three ministers have resigned: Mitchell Sharp, President of the Privy Council and Government House Leader; C.M. (Bud) Drury, Minister of Public Works and of Science and Technology; and Bryce Mackasey, Postmaster General and Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Canada's new External Affairs Minister

Donald C. Jamieson, who became the Secretary of State for External Affairs on September 15, was born in St. John's Newfoundland in 1921. His new portfolio is the fifth he has held since leaving private life where he was a prominent broadcaster and journalist.

Mr. Jamieson's deep affection for Newfoundland prompted him to oppose the province's entry into Confederation. Thus he can claim the distinction of being the only federal minister, in modern times at least, to have voted on two separate occasions against becoming a Canadian. Today a strong and outspoken federalist, Mr. Jamieson describes himself as a Canadian "not by birth, nor by choice, but by conversion".

In 1963, Mr. Jamieson served as a member of the committee established by the Federal Government to study various aspects of Canadian broadcasting. He completed a four-year term as President of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters in 1965. As a private broadcaster, he served on several of that industry's committees, including one dealing with the technical relations between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and its private affiliates.

As an adviser to the Board of Broadcast Governors, the new Secretary of State for External Affairs, served as a member of its Consultative Committee on Private Broadcasting.

Political life

Mr. Jamieson was first elected to the House of Commons in September 1966. As a private Member, he served on the



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