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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. Paul A. Bridle as Ambassador to Turkey to succeed Mr. Benjamin Rogers of Vernon, B.C., who was appointed Deputy High Commissioner in London last August.

Mr. Bridle was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1914. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto. In 1941 he was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Navy and after overseas service he received his discharge as a lieutenant in 1945. He joined the Department of External Affairs in that year. His first assignment was with our former mission in St. John's, Newfoundland, where he was Acting High Commissioner at the time Newfoundland joined Confederation. In 1949 he was named First Secretary at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in New Delhi. He returned to Ottawa in 1952 and in 1955 was named Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisor, Commission for Laos. After his service in Lacs, he was appointed Minister Counsellor to Canada's Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council in Paris. Before his present appointment as Ambassador to Turkey, he was attending the 1960 course of the Imperial Defence College in London.

Mr. Bridle is married and has one child.