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Appointment of two Consuls General

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the appointment of Mr. Elmer A. Driedger as Consul General to Hamburg, Germany.

Mr. Martin also announced that the status of the Canadian Consulate in Duesseldorf, Germany, has been raised to that of a Consulate General. Mr. George Alleyne Browne, appointed Consul in Duesseldorf in October, will now assume the position of Consul General.

Born at Osler, Saskatchewan in 1913, Mr. Driedger studied at the University of Saskatchewan and was awarded B.A. and LL.B. degrees in 1932 and 1934 respectively. He practised law in Saskatoon until 1939, also lecturing in 1939 at the University of Saskatchewan.

In 1940, Mr. Driedger was appointed Librarian of the Supreme Court of Canada. He transferred to the Legal Branch of the Department of Justice in 1941, and rose to become Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada in 1960. He lectured at the University of Ottawa, 1958-1960, and was awarded an honorary LL.D. by that university in 1963.

Mr. Driedger was created a K.C. in 1949. In 1960, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada.

Mr. Driedger is married to the former Elsie V. Norman of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and has two sons, Alan and Tom.

Mr. Browne was born in Seattle, U.S.A., in 1914, and was educated at Acadia University. He served with the Royal Canadian Artillery in Italy, France and Germany, and was awarded the D.S.O. and was Mentioned in Dispatches.

In 1945, Mr. Browne joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce and subsequently served in Bombay, Karachi, Washington and Havana. He attended the National Defence College in 1958, and on his return to Ottawa served in the International Trade Relations and Industrial Development Branches of the Department of Trade and Commerce. Prior to taking up his present appointment in Duesseldorf, Mr. Browne served for four years as Councillor (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy in Stockholm.

Mr. Browne is married to the former Andrée Leduc of Ottawa, and has two sons, George and Paul.