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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGES HEISBOURG PRESENTED TODAY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY OF LUXEMBOURG TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H.F. FEAVER, PRESENTED THE MINISTER TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. MR. N.A. ROBERTSON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MR. LIONEL MASSEY, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WERE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

MR. HEISBOURG WAS BORN IN 1918, AND WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF GRENOBLE, INNSBRUCK AND PARIS. IN 1944, HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF INFORMATION SERVICE AND IN 1945 WAS APPOINTED ATTACHE AND SUBSEQUENTLY SECRETARY OF THE LUXEMBOURG LEGATION IN LONDON. FROM 1952 TO 1958 HE SERVED AS LEGATION COUNSELLOR AT THE LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTRY.

MR. HEISBOURG WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF LUXEMBOURG TO THE UNITED STATES WILL HOLD THE POST OF MINISTER TO CANADA CONCURRENTLY. HE WILL RESIDE IN WASHINGTON.

HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.