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The Department of External Affairs announced that Mr. Heitor Lyra presented today to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brazil to Canada.

Mr. L.B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, was present. Mr. H.F. Feaver, Head of the Protocol Division, presented Mr. Lyra to His Excellency the Governor General. The Ambassador was accompanied by the following members of his staff: Mr. Raul José de Sa Barbosa, Third Secretary, Mr. Murillo Gurgel Valente, Third Secretary, and Mr. José Carlos Ribeiro Campos, Commercial Attaché.

Mr. Lyra was born at Recife, State of Pernambuco, Brazil, in 1893. He studied at the Faculty of Law of the University of Brazil at Rio de Janeiro. He is a career diplomat, having entered the Brazilian diplomatic service in 1916. He has represented his country at London, Berlin, the Vatican, Lisbon, Buenos Aires and Copenhagen. He has also attended several important international conferences. In 1951, he became Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Lyra is married and has two children.
