

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the Special Representative of the Canadian Government at the Independence celebrations of Grenada will be Mr. L.A.H. Smith, Canadian Commissioner to Grenada, accompanied by an officer of the Canadian High Commission in Bridgetown, Barbados, where Mr. Smith is resident. Grenada will become independent at 12:01 a.m., February 7.

As is customary on such occasions, an independence gift will be presented on behalf of the Canadian Government to the Honourable E. M. Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada. The gift is a collection of books destined for the Grenada public library.

H.M.C.S. Annapolis will be paying a formal visit to Grenada, to mark the independence of the island.