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The Department of External Affairs announced today the following appointments and transfers:

Mr. D. M. Johnson, now head of the American and Far Eastern Division, is being posted to Dublin as Acting High Commissioner in the absence of the Honourable W. F. ^{A.} ~~M.~~ Turgeon who was recently appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission on National Transportation.

Mr. A. F. W. Plumptre will join the Department on January 17. He will be Head of the Economic Division. This post has been vacant since October, when Mr. H. O. Moran was appointed Special Assistant to the Acting Under-Secretary.

Mr. Leon Mayrand who is now Head of the European Division will become the Head of the American and Far Eastern Division. He will be replaced as Head of the European Division by Mr. T. W. L. MacDermot, the Head of the Personnel Division.

Mr. M. Cadieux, of the Personnel Division, has been appointed Acting Head of the Personnel Division.

Brief biographies are attached.