

The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of Mr. William Hickson Barton as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (Administration).

The Under-Secretary, A.E. Ritchie, noted that Mr. Barton's wide experience qualifies him well to deal with the range of administrative issues involved in the great variety of activities of the Department of External Affairs. His work has included the fields of science, United Nations affairs, various policy studies, military cooperation and administration in External Affairs and elsewhere.

Mr. Barton joined the Department of External Affairs in 1954 after eight years with the Defence Research Board and the Aeronautical Research Committee. During his career in External Affairs he has served abroad as Counsellor of the Canadian Embassy to Austria and Alternate Governor for Canada to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, as Head of the Defence Liaison I Division and External Affairs Member of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence, and as Minister at the Canadian Mission to the United Nations, as well as member of various United Nations delegations. He has been Head of the United Nations Division in Ottawa since 1964 and since September 1969 has also been Head of the Policy Analysis Group. A detailed biography is attached.

Mr. Barton will replace John K. Starnes who became Director General, Security and Intelligence, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the beginning of the year.