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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the appointment of Mr. John Harrison Cleveland as Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria. Mr. Cleveland, who is at present Canadian Ambassador to Finland, will replace Mr. Thomas Carter, who is returning to Canada for service in the Department.

Mr. Cleveland was born in Montreal on June 23, 1913. He studied at King's College and Dalhousie University Law School, and practised law in Dartmouth, N.S. from 1936 to 1941 and in 1945-46. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in 1941 and after serving in the North Atlantic and the United Kingdom, was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

Mr. Cleveland joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946, and has served in New York, 1950-54, and in Karachi, 1954-56. Mr. Cleveland has acted as Counsel for Canada with respect to matters before the International Joint Commission. In 1960, he was appointed Canada's first resident Ambassador to Finland.

Mr. Cleveland is married and has three children.