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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1955.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced the retirement, early in July, of Major General, the Honourable L. R. LaFlèche, Canadian Ambassador to Argentina and Uruguay, and the following transfers within the Canadian Diplomatic Service:

Dr. R. A. MacKay, Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, will succeed Mr. D. M. Johnson as Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, effective August 1. Dr. MacKay will hold the rank of Ambassador. Mr. Johnson will be transferred to another diplomatic post which will be announced later.

Mr. W. D. Matthews, Canadian Minister to Sweden and Finland, will return to Ottawa to become an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He will assume his new duties in September. An announcement will be made later regarding Mr. Matthews' successor.

Mr. Benjamin Rogers has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Peru to succeed Mr. Emile Vaillancourt whose retirement from the Service was announced on March 7, 1955. Mr. Rogers is expected to take up his post in July.

Mr. W. G. Stark has been appointed Consul General in New Orleans and is expected to assume his new duties on September 1. He succeeds Mr. G. A. Newman whose next assignment is to be announced shortly by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. H. L. E. Priestman has been appointed Consul General in Manila and is expected to take up his post about September 1. He succeeds Mr. F. H. Palmer whose appointment as Consul General in Chicago was announced on February 16.

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