The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today the appointment of the following senior officers of the Departments of External Affairs, and of Industry, Trade and Commerce. These are:

Mr. Donald M. Cornett, 52, of Kingston, presently Head of the Commonwealth Institutions Division of the Department of External Affairs to become Ambassador to Denmark, replacing Mr. M. H. Wershof.

Mr. Christian Hardy, 48, of Montreal, presently Ambassador in Brazil, to become Canada's first resident Ambassador to Algeria.

Mr. Gerald F. G. Hughes, 52, of Quebec, a senior officer of the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, presently serving as Minister-Counsellor at our Embassy in Rome, to become Ambassador to Turkey. He will replace Mr. Klaus Goldschlag.

Mr. John A. McCordick, 55, of Toronto, presently on special assignment in the Scientific Relations and Environmental Problems Division of the Department of External Affairs, to become Ambassador to Poland, replacing Miss P. A. McDougall.

Mr. David Stansfield, 52, of Ottawa, presently Head of the Co-ordination Division of the Department of External Affairs, to become Ambassador to Cairo, succeeding Mr. Thomas Carter.

Mr. Barry C. Steers, 44, of London, Ontario, presently Director of the Market Development Group of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, to become Ambassador to Brazil, replacing Mr. C. Hardy.

Mr. M. H. Wershof, 61, of Ottawa, presently Ambassador in Denmark, to become Canadian Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Hungary, replacing Mr. T. Wainman-Wood.

Biographical notes are attached.