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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MR. DONALD MCGREGOR STEPHENS, 54, OF WINNIPEG, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, TO SUCCEED MR. GEORGE SPENCE OF REGINA, WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 1957. THE OTHER CANADIAN MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION ARE THE CHAIRMAN, GENERAL A.G.L. MCNAUGHTON, AND COLONEL LUCIEN DANSEREAU OF MONTREAL. THE NEW APPOINTEE TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING. MR. STEPHENS, CHAIRMAN OF THE MANITOBA HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD SINCE 1951, IS A FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MANITOBA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HE HAS SERVED ON TWO INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COMMITTEES DEALING WITH BOUNDARY WATER MATTERS AND ON AN INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING BOARD CONCERNED WITH PROBLEMS OF THE SOURIS RIVER. MR. STEPHENS HAS ALSO REPRESENTED MANITOBA ON THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES WATER BOARD. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE OF CANADA IN 1954 AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS OF MANITOBA IN 1953.

COMMENTING ON THE SERVICE OF MR SPENCE, WHO HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SINCE 1947, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REFERRED TO THE MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS WHICH HAD BEEN DEALT WITH DURING THE PAST DECADE AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF MR. SPENCE TO THE BRINGING ABOUT OF SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS TO A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH FACED THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION DURING THIS TIME.