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The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that Mr. Paul Emile Renaud will succeed Mr. Leon Mayrand as Canadian Ambassador to Chile. Mr. Mayrand's appointment as Canadian Commissioner, International Supervisory Commission for Laos was announced on August 17. Mr. Renaud at the present time is the Director of the Historical Research and Reports Division of the Department of External Affairs. He is expected to take up his new post late in December.

Mr. Renaud was born in St. Rémi de Napierville,
Quebec, on February 24, 1897. He studied at the Universities
of Montreal and McGill and was called to the Bar of Quebec in
1921. He obtained a Ph.D. in 1927 at the London School of
Economics and an LL.D. at the University of Paris in 1928. He
was a Professor of politics and diplomatic history at the
University of Montreal 1928-29 and at the University of Ottawa
1942-45. Mr. Renaud joined the Department of External Affairs
as a Third Secretary, October 1929, has served in Geneva,
Brussels, and was Chargé d'Affaires in Berne from May 1947 to
August 1950, when he returned to Ottawa to assume his present
duties. Mr. Renaud has attended a number of international
conferences and is the author of several works on economics
and constitutional practices. Mr. Renaud is married and has
two children.