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## CANADIAN DELEGATION TO 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF SIERRA LEONE

The Minister for External Relations announced today that Mr. Howard E. Crosby, Member of Parliament for Halifax West, will represent the Canadian Government at the 200th anniversary celebrations of the founding of Sierra Leone, Freetown, May 1-5, 1987. Mr. Crosby will be accompanied by his wife, Janet Crosby, and Nova Scotia Judge Corrine E. Sparks. Ms. Sparks is also a member of the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia. Canadian participation in these celebrations underline the special links which exist between Canada and Sierra Leone, as a result of the founding of Freetown, in 1792 by 1200 Blacks from Nova Scotia.