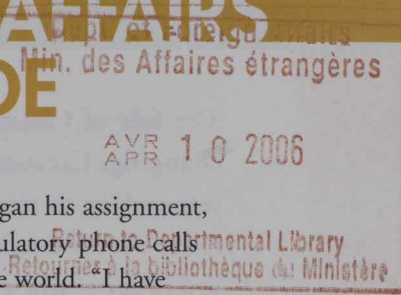




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ed over the years.” Since he began his assignment, he has received many congratulatory phone calls from foreign ministers throughout the world. I have been struck by their tremendous regard for Canadian diplomacy, for our efforts to build international law and respect for human rights, for our long tradition of peacekeeping and our current commitment in the much more challenging area of peacebuilding,” he said. “They expect Canada to stay engaged.”

**David L. Emerson** has been appointed Minister of International Trade and Minister of Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-

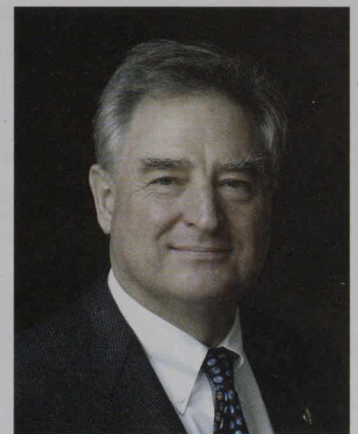


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was first elected to Parliament in 1997 and re-elected in 2000, 2004 and 2006. He previously served as Progressive Conservative Party leader, House leader and was a member of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and its sub-committees. He has also been appointed Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

Speaking at the memorial service for Glyn Berry in Ottawa in February, Mr. MacKay said that while he is new to Foreign Affairs Canada, he is “long familiar with the great service to Canada which our diplomats have

Minister Olympics.

Born in Montreal and raised in Grand Prairie, Alberta, Mr. Emerson attended the University of Alberta and obtained Bachelor's and Master's degrees in economics, then received a doctorate in economics from Queen's University. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 2004 and named Minister of Industry. He was re-elected in 2006. Mr. Emerson previously worked as chairman and CEO of Canadian Western Bank. Afterward, he became the Deputy Minister of Finance in British Columbia and later the Deputy Minister to the Premier. He was president of the B.C. Trade Development Corporation, president and CEO of the Vancouver Airport Authority and president and CEO of Canfor Corporation.

Mr. Emerson said he has a deep respect for the great responsibilities that fall under International Trade. “Canada is a trading nation with a core commitment to free and open trade, and a proud tradition of exporting our nation's products around the world,” he said. “Indeed, Canada's success in global commerce will determine our nation's prosperity and our role on the international stage.”

International Trade Minister David L. Emerson: “Canada's success in global commerce will determine our nation's prosperity and our role on the international stage.”



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Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay meets with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on March 10, 2006, in New York.

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