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The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the appointment of Mr. Thomas Archibald Stone as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Canada in Finland. Mr. Stone, whose appointment as Canadian Minister to Sweden was announced on February 28, will hold these two posts concurrently. He will reside in Stockholm and will make periodic visits to Helsinki. Finland established a Legation at Ottawa in January, 1948.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs also announced that Mr. Edward Joseph Garland, who has been Canadian Minister in Norway since 1947, will be Canadian Minister to Iceland also. He will not establish a permanent legation at Reykjavik, but will visit Iceland from time to time. Direct diplomatic relations between Canada and Iceland were established when Mr. Ther Thors, Minister of Iceland in Washington, was accredited also as Minister of Iceland at Ottawa.