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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. John P. Sigvaldason, at present Head of the Department's Inspection Service, as Ambassador to Indonesia to succeed Mr. T. F. M. Newton, who has been assigned to duty in Ottawa.

Mr. Sigvaldason was born in Baldur, Manitoba, in 1904. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. Before joining the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942, he had been an officer of the Manitoba Department of Education for some years. After overseas service, he received his discharge as a Squadron Leader in 1946, when he joined the Department of External Affairs. He served in London until 1952 and was then transferred to Ottawa. From 1956 to 1958, he served in Karachi, where he was Acting High Commissioner for nearly a year in 1957.

Mr. Sigvaldason is married and has three children.