

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Honourable Howard Green, P.C., Q.C., LL.D., M.P., was born in Kaslo, British Columbia. After receiving his early education there, he attended the University of Toronto, graduating in 1915 with a Bachelor of Arts degree; he then enlisted with the 54th Kootenay Battalion and served overseas with the Canadian Corps until 1919. He was mentioned in despatches and returned to Canada with the rank of Captain. Upon his return from France, he graduated from Osgoode Hall law school, Toronto, and was called to the bar of British Columbia in 1922. Mr. Green practised law in Vancouver until becoming a cabinet minister in 1957.

Mr. Green has been a Member of the House of Commons since 1935, and represents the riding of Vancouver Quadra. While a member of the Opposition, he was successively chief Opposition critic of the departments of Veterans Affairs, National Defence, Reconstruction, Transport and Public Works. In 1956 and 1957 he was Opposition House Leader.

On June 21, 1957, Mr. Green was sworn into the Privy Council and appointed Minister of Public Works and Acting Minister of Defence Production. During the 1957, 1958 and 1959 sessions, he was Government House Leader. On June 4, 1959, he was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs.

He led the Canadian Delegations to the fourteenth and fifteenth regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and headed the Canadian representation on the UN Disarmament Commission in August 1960. Since his appointment to the External Affairs portfolio, he has also represented Canada at all NATO ministerial meetings. He was Special Ambassador for Canada at the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the independence of Argentina held in Buenos Aires in May 1960.

Married in 1923 and widowed in 1953, he has two sons, Lewis Howard, a geological engineer, and John Willson, the publisher of a weekly newspaper in British Columbia; he remarried in 1956.