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His Excellency Mr. Hans Cohn Lyon presented today to His Excellency the Governor General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Dominion Republic to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at Government House.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jules Léger, was in attendance on the Governor General on this occasion. The Acting Chief of Protocol, Mr. Ph. Thibault, presented the Ambassador to the Governor General. Mr. Lionel Massey and Mr. J. F. Delaute, respectively Secretary and Administrative Secretary to the Governor General, were also present.

Mr. Cohn Lyon was born in 1909. A graduate of the University of Santo Domingo, he has been in the public service of his country since 1935. His first diplomatic appointment was to the Dominican Embassy in Washington, where he served from 1946 to 1952. He was subsequently appointed Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Worship (1952-53) and later Vice-President at the Dominican Sugar Commission. Before his appointment to Canada, Mr. Cohn Lyon was Minister at the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in London.

Mr. Cohn Lyon is married and has four children.