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J.C. BRITTON APPOINTED TO THAILAND

The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced the appointment of Mr. John Cleland Britton as Canada's first resident Ambassador to Thailand. The former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand was resident in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

Mr. Britton, now Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, was born in Toronto in 1903 and graduated from Queen's University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1930. He joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1931 and has since served in Port-of-Spain, Johannesburg, St. John's, Newfoundland, Sydney and The Hague. In 1963, he was appointed Consul General in Los Angeles, a position he held until he was appointed to Tokyo in 1965.

Mr. Britton is married to the former Mary de Long Lytell, of Cardinal, Ontario.