

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announces the following appointments which will take effect over the course of the summer.

Mr. Robert Key Thomson, 57, originally from Aldergrove, British Columbia, to be High Commissioner to Singapore.

Mr. Thomson (B. Comm., McGill) has served abroad with the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service in Bombay (1948-50), Singapore (1950-51), Karachi (1953-57), Vienna (1957-62), Hong Kong (1962-66) and, since 1970, as Consul General and Senior Trade Commissioner in Milan. Mr. Thomson, a former General Director of the Trade Commissioner Service (1968-69), will be the first Canadian High Commissioner to Singapore.

Mr. James Edward Hyndman, 50, originally from Nantes (France) to be Ambassador to Cuba with concurrent accreditation to Haiti.

Mr. Hyndman (B.A. McGill; Diploma, Institut d'Etudes politiques, Paris) has served abroad in Vienna (1954-56), Paris (NATO 1956-58) and Bonn (1961-65). Since 1973 he has been Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

Mr. Hyndman replaces Mr. Malcolm Bow who returns to Canada to take up a position at External Affairs headquarters.

Mr. Robert W. McLaren, 48, originally of Windsor, Ontario, to be High Commissioner to Tanzania, with concurrent accreditation to Mauritius and the Somali Democratic Republic.

Mr. McLaren (B.A., University of Western Ontario; Graduate Studies in Economics, St. John's College, Cambridge) was employed for some years with the National Research Council and the Ministry of Transport, before joining the Canadian International Development Agency in 1965 as Senior Planner for the South and Southeast Asia Bilateral Assistance Programmes. In 1968, he became acting Director of the Advisers Division; in 1969, Director of the Education Division; and, in 1970, Director of the Operations Branch in the Asia Division. He has been Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh since 1973.

Mr. McLaren replaces Mr. James R. Barker whose appointment as Chief of Protocol in the Department of External Affairs was announced earlier.