

Department of External Affairs

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The appointment of Robert A. Farquharson as a Counsellor to the Canadian Embassy in Washington was announced today. For the past two years he has been Director of the Information Division of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris. In the performance of his duties as Counsellor, Mr. Farquharson will be specially concerned with information matters.

Mr. Farquharson is the son of a Presbyterian minister and was born in Claude, Ontario, on August 25, 1899. He has had over thirty-five years newspaper experience having first served as a reporter on THE GLOBE in Toronto and then managing editor of THE MAIL AND EMPIRE. In 1936, after holding the post as managing editor of THE FINANCIAL POST, he became Ottawa correspondent for THE GLOBE AND MAIL, Toronto, and a member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. In 1942 he became managing editor of THE GLOBE AND MAIL and later editor of the Toronto SATURDAY NIGHT.

Mr. Farquharson's wife, Rica, is a well-known writer in newspaper and magazine fields. He has one son, Duart, who is a student at the University of Toronto.

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