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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the appointment of Mr. John Cleland Britton as Consul General of Canada in Los Angeles. He will replace Mr. G.R. Paterson who retires from public service in the fall.

Mr. Britton was born in Toronto in 1903. He graduated from Queen's University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1930.

He was appointed as a Junior Trade Commissioner with the Department of Trade and Commerce on September 1, 1931; Assistant Trade Commissioner at Port-of-Spain in 1933; transferred to Johannesburg in 1936; to Los Angeles as Acting Trade Commissioner in 1942. Seconded to duty in the Department of External Affairs in 1943, he served as Official Secretary to the Canadian High Commissioner in Newfoundland. In 1944 he was appointed Trade Commissioner to Newfoundland.

Mr. Britton was transferred to Tokyo in 1949 as Commercial Representative. He later became Commercial Counsellor. In this capacity he was transferred to Sydney, Australia, and in 1959 he was transferred to The Hague.

Mr. Britton is married.