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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the appointment of Major-General the Honourable L. R. LaFlèche, D.S.O., as High Commissioner for Canada in Australia to succeed Mr. Kenneth A. Greene, O.B.E., who is returning to Canada.

General LaFlèche has been Canadian Ambassador in Greece since 1945 and during the latter part of his service was Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Athens. He served with distinction in the First Great War and was later President of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. In 1932 he was appointed Deputy Minister of National Defence and in 1940 was appointed Canadian Military Attaché in France. General LaFlèche was Deputy Minister of the Department of National War Services until 1942 when he was appointed Minister of that Department.

General LaFlèche will leave Athens in July and will visit Canada en route to his new post.
