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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the concurrent appointment of Mr. Louis Couillard as Ambassador to Norway and to Iceland.

Mr. Couillard was born in Ottawa in 1914. He received his education at the University of Ottawa and at Queen's University, graduating in 1938 with an honours degree in Commerce.

In 1941 Mr. Couillard joined the Canadian Army and saw service in the United Kingdom and Northwestern Europe. He received his discharge in 1944 with the rank of Captain.

After the war Mr. Couillard entered Government service and was with several Departments. In 1948 he transferred from the Department of Trade and Commerce to the Department of External Affairs and has since served abroad in Geneva, Havana, Paris, London and Washington. He has also attended a number of Commonwealth and other international economic conferences. His most recent appointment was Ambassador to Venezuela.

Mr. Couillard, accompanied by his wife and family, will take up his new appointment in January.