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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1955.

His Excellency Ramiz Shammah presented today to His Excellency the Governor General his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Lebanon to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at Government House.

The Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. R. M. Macdonnell, was in attendance on the Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Minister to the Governor General. Mr. Lionel Massey and Mr. J.F. Delaute, respectively Secretary and Administrative Secretary to the Governor General, were also present.

Mr. Shammah was born in 1914 and is a graduate of the American University of Beirut and of the Syrian University of Damascus. After serving as Assistant Director of the Arab Office of Public Enlightenment in Damascus (1937-38), and practicing law from 1941 to 1945, he joined the Lebanese Foreign Service in 1945. Since then he has served as Consul in New York, Counsellor of the Lebanese Embassy in Cairo, as Head of the Economic Department and Acting Chief of the Political Department of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry. Since February 1953 he has been Consul General in Ottawa. Mr. Shammah has represented his country at a number of international conferences, including four sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations. He is married and has two children.