Hon. L. B. PEARSON, M.P.,

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

As required by the Department of External Affairs Act, I have the honour to submit to you for presentation to Parliament the forty-seventh report of the Department, covering the calendar year 1956.

I am glad to have the opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the way in which all members of the staff, at home and abroad, have fulfilled their duties, at times under difficult conditions.

> JULES LÉGER Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

OTTAWA, January 21, 1957.