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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. H. A. Scott, Canadian Ambassador to Cuba, has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Haiti. Mr. Scott, who will continue as Ambassador to Cuba, is expected to present his Letters of Credence to the Presidents of the Dominican Republic and Haiti later this year.

The decision to exchange diplomatic missions with the Dominican Republic and Haiti was announced earlier this year; the missions will be opened about the middle of November. The Commercial Counsellor in the Dominican Republic, Mr. M. B. Bursey, and Mr. E. R. Bellemare, First Secretary of the Embassy in Haiti, will act as Chargés d'Affaires ad interim during Mr. Scott's absence from these two posts.

Mr. Harry A. Scott was born in Toronto on January 31, 1899. He was educated at Queen's University and served during the First World War with the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Canadian Navy. In 1924 Mr. Scott joined the Foreign Trade Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce and served in Liverpool, Buenos Aires, Shanghai, and Washington. In June 1948 he was appointed Consul General in San Francisco and in December 1951, Ambassador to Cuba. He has attended a number of international conferences. Mr. Scott is married.

Mr. Morley Bursey was born in Old Perlican, Newfoundland, on January 1, 1912. He served in the Newfoundland Government Service from 1938 to 1949, during which time he negotiated a Trade Agreement with the Dominican Republic (1940). In April 1949 he was appointed Consul of Canada and Canadian Government Trade Commissioner (Fisheries), New York. Mr. Bursey is married and has two children.

Mr. Edward Bellemare was born in Burlington, Vermont, on June 19, 1910. From 1936 to 1942 he served as parliamentary translator in the Department of the Secretary of State. During the Second World War he served in the Canadian Army and in 1944 was seconded to the Wartime Information Board, serving in Paris until 1947. In 1947 he joined the Department of External Affairs and has served in Paris and New York. Mr. Bellemare is married and has two children.

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