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The Government of Canada has had under consideration the application in Canada of the recommendations concerning the pre-  
cedence of High Commissioners made at the recent meeting in London of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

The Canadian Government has decided, in consultation with the Governments of other countries of the Commonwealth, that High Commissioners at Ottawa will rank with Ambassadors according to the date of the presentation of Letters of Credence of Ambassadors and the date of arrival of High Commissioners at Ottawa, except that the position of Dean of the Diplomatic Corps will continue to be held by the senior foreign Ambassador.

Accordingly High Commissioners will take precedence as if they had had the rank of Ambassador when they first arrived in Ottawa. They will rank among themselves according to the date of their arrival at Ottawa and not, as heretofore, according to the seniority of Commonwealth countries.

Ministers Plenipotentiary and Charges d'Affaires ad interim at Ottawa will continue to have the precedence previously accorded them by courtesy; that is to say, they will follow the new category of Ambassadors and High Commissioners.