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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. John Harrison Cleveland, at present Head of the United States Division of the Department, as Canada's first resident Ambassador to Finland.

From 1949 to 1959 the Canadian Ambassador to Sweden was simultaneously accredited as Minister to Finland. Since 1959 the Canadian Mission in Finland has been under the direction of a Chargé d'Affaires pending the appointment of a resident Ambassador, the mission having been elevated to the status of Embassy earlier this year.

Mr. Cleveland was born in Montreal, P.Q., in 1913. He is a graduate of University of King's College and of Dalhousie University Law School and practised law in Dartmouth, N.S., from 1936 to 1941 and in 1945-46. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve as a Sub-Lieutenant in 1941 and served in the North Atlantic and the United Kingdom. He was discharged in 1945 as Lieutenant-Commander.

He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946. He served at the New York Consulate General from 1950 to 1954, and in Karachi from 1954 to 1956 where he was Acting High Commissioner from March to November, 1954. While in Pakistan, Mr. Cleveland was actively associated with Canadian Colombo Plan projects. He has also served as a member of Canadian delegations to the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization. On four occasions he was an adviser to Canadian delegations to the UN General Assembly. He has also been an adviser to Canadian delegations to the Economic and Social Council. While in Ottawa he has been closely connected with the negotiations with the United States for a treaty regarding the use of the waters of the Columbia River Basin. He has also acted as Counsel for Canada with respect to matters before the International Joint Commission. In 1952 Mr. Cleveland qualified at the school jointly sponsored by McGill University and the Arctic Institute of Canada on the geography and the development of the northern areas of the world.

Mr. Cleveland is married and has three children.