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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Government of Canada has accepted a proposal by the Government of Cuba to raise the respective legations in Havana and Ottawa to the status of embassy.

Dr. E. H. Coleman, C.M.G., Canadian Minister to Cuba, is at present on leave in Canada. He will be returning to Cuba to resume charge of the Canadian mission.

The Government of Cuba has indicated that the appointment of an ambassador to Canada will be announced shortly. The Cuban Legation in Ottawa has been under the direction of a chargé d'affaires ad interim since the departure of the former Minister, Dr. Mariano Brull, on his appointment as Minister to Switzerland, a year ago.
