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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that the Government has appointed Mr. John Leslie Rennie, Dominion Geodesist, to be the Canadian Member of the International Boundary Commission in place of Mr. James Morey Wardle, C.B.E. The appointment was effective March 1, 1950.

Mr. Wardle's resignation was occasioned by the re-organization of some of the departments of the Government on January 18, 1950. The Special Projects Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources, of which he was Director, was assigned to the Department of Resources and Development, and the work of the Canadian Section of the International Boundary Commission, being closely associated with the activities of the new Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, was placed with that department.

The International Boundary Commission comprises two Commissioners, one representing Canada and the other the United States. It was established under the terms of Article VI of the Alaska Boundary Convention, 1903, and the International Boundary Demarcation Treaty of 1908 to demarcate various parts of the boundary and to maintain an effective boundary line between the two countries. Under a treaty of 1925, the Commission also regulates the level of the Lake of the Woods. (These treaties are printed in the collection entitled "Treaties and Agreements affecting Canada in force between His Majesty and the United States of America, 1814-1925" published by the King's Printer.)
