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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Joseph Burbridge as Canadian High Commissioner to New Zealand. Mr. Burbridge, who succeeds Mr. G.R. Heasman, will assume his new duties early in the new year.

Mr. Burbridge was born in 1911 in Bathurst, New Brunswick. He attended the University of St. Thomas (1928-31), the University of New Brunswick Law School (BCL, 1939) and the University of Ottawa (Ph.D., 1942). Mr. Burbridge joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947. He had previously served with the Department of Munitions and Supply (1941-43), the Department of Labour (1943-44) and the Secretary of State Department (1946-47).

Between 1947 and 1954, Mr. Burbridge served in the Legal Division of the Department of External Affairs. During the latter years of this period he was Head of the Division. In 1954 he was posted as Minister-Counsellor to the Canadian Delegation to the North Atlantic Council and the Organization for European Economic Cooperation in Paris. In 1957 he was appointed Consul General in Seattle, which position he holds at present.

Mr. Burbridge is married and has two children.