

BIOGRAPHY OF MR. JAMES A. ROBERTS

Mr. James A. Roberts, D.S.O., E.C., Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, was born in Toronto on August 19, 1907, and educated at University of Toronto Schools and the Jarvis Collegiate Institute.

Prior to his appointment as Associate Deputy Minister on July 7, 1958, Mr. Roberts was President of James A. Roberts Investments Limited; Vice-President and Director, Halton & Peel Trust & Savings Company; Partner, Roberts Stanley & Company, active in public relations and marketing; Past regional Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce; and Past-President of the Canadian Exporters' Association.

Mr. Roberts was employed with the Sun Insurance Office Limited from 1926-1937; the Stewart Automatic Freezers Limited, London, England, from 1937-1939; and the Mercury Mills Limited, Hamilton, Ontario, of which he was President from 1946 to 1953.

Mr. Roberts has been a member of many trade missions, and has participated in trade and economic negotiations in many parts of the world.

He served with the Canadian Militia from 1933-1955, and with the Canadian Army from 1940-1946. During the Second World War he commanded the 12th Manitoba Dragoons; and the 8th Infantry Brigade, with the rank of Brigadier. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, and the Order of Orange-Nassau (Netherlands).

In addition to his present duties as Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, to which he was appointed on March 4, 1960, Mr. Roberts is Chairman of the Board of Directors, Export Credits Insurance Corporation, an Executive Director of the Industrial Development Bank and President, Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation.

He is married to the former Marie Dorothee Brandt of the Netherlands and has four children.