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Canada's Instrument of Ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty, which was executed by the Prime Minister on Saturday, April 30, was deposited with the United States Government in Washington at 12:15 o'clock today by the Canadian Ambassador. The State Department has confirmed that Canada's Instrument of Ratification was the first to be deposited by the signatories of the Treaty. Under the terms of the Treaty it will come into force between the states which have ratified it as soon as the ratifications of the majority of the signatories, including those of Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States, have been deposited.