

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

John P. Bell (BComm, University of British Columbia, 1962) joined the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce, in 1962. He served abroad in Stockholm, Accra, Abidjan, Paris, Sydney, Sao Paulo and New York. From 1984 to 1987 he was Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, and from 1987 to 1990 he served as Ambassador to Brazil. In Ottawa Mr. Bell was Director of Personnel, Trade Commissioner Service, from 1979 to 1981 and Acting Director General, Trade Commissioner Service and Canadian Regional Offices, from 1981 to 1982. In 1990 he was named Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the Environment. He is married to Yvette Holland and has two children.

Benoît Bouchard (BA, Laval University; LLL, Laval University) taught from 1964 to 1969. From 1969 to 1981 Mr. Bouchard was Principal at the secondary level and at the CEGEP St-Félicien. During this latter period, he became Secretary of the Federation of CEGEPs in Quebec, a position he held until 1984. He was first elected to the House of Commons as the Member of Parliament for Roberval in 1984 and, since then, has served in a number of ministerial portfolios, including Employment and Immigration, Transport, and Industry, Science and Technology. He has most recently served as Minister for Health and Welfare and Minister responsible for the Federal Office for Regional Development in Quebec. Mr. Bouchard is married to Jeannine Lavoie and has three children.

Ernest Hébert (BA, Collège Mont Saint-Louis, 1959; BA [Economics and Political Science], University of Montreal, 1965) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965. He served abroad in the Congo, New York, Vietnam and Belgium. From 1980 to 1983 he was Ambassador to the Ivory Coast. From 1983 to 1985 Mr. Hébert was Director General of the Development Program with the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in Paris. In Ottawa he was Director General, Africa Relations. In 1986 and 1987 he was Co-Chairman of the Quebec City Francophone Summit Organizing Committee. From 1987 to 1989 he was Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Foreign and Defence Policy) at the Privy Council Office. Most recently he served as Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic. He is married to Ellis Thomsen, and has three children.

John J. Noble (BA Honours [Political Science], Acadia University, 1966) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966. He served abroad in Dakar, Ankara, London and Geneva. In Ottawa from 1983 to 1984 he was Departmental Spokesman and Director of the Press Office. From 1984 to 1988 he served successively as Director, United States General Relations Division, and Director General, United States General Relations Bureau. From 1988 to 1990 he was Director General, International Security and Arms Control Bureau, and following a year at Harvard University where he was a Fellow of the Centre for International Affairs, he