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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the concurrent accreditation as first Canadian Ambassador to Nepal of the Honourable D. Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C, Canadian High Commissioner to India. Establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Nepal was announced on January 18.

Mr. Michener was born in Lacombe, Alberta, on April 19, 1900. He attended the University of Alberta before enlisting with the Royal Air Force in 1918. After the war, he resumed his studies at the University of Alberta, Oxford, and the Middle Temple. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1924 and was appointed a King's Counsel in 1943.

First elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1945, Mr. Michener was Provincial Secretary and Registrar of Ontario during the period 1946-48. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1953, and was re-elected in 1957 and 1958, as Member of Parliament for St. Paul's, Toronto. Mr. Michener was Speaker of the House of Commons during Canada's 23rd and 24th Parliaments, 1957-62.

In 1963-64, he served as Chairman of the Manitoba Government's Royal Commission studying local government organization and financing. His appointment as Canadian High Commissioner to India was announced on July 6, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Michener have three married daughters.