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MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1960.

His Excellency Thor Thors today presented to the Governor-General his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iceland to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House at 11:30 a.m. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver presented the Ambassador to His Excellency the Governor-General. Mr. Henry F. Davis, Acting Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General were in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion.

This is the second occasion on which Mr. Thors has presented Letters of Credence to the Governor-General of Canada. In January 1948 Mr. Thors presented to His Excellency Viscount Alexander of Tunis his Letters of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Iceland to Canada.

The recent decision of the Governments of Iceland and Canada to raise their respective Legations to Embassies has now necessitated the presentation of Mr. Thors' credentials as Ambassador.

Mr. Thors was born in Reykjavik, Iceland, in 1903. He received a degree in law at the University of Reykjavik in February 1926 and continued his studies in international law and economics at Cambridge University, England and at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Mr. Thors was a member of the Icelandic Parliament from 1933 to 1941; Consul General of Iceland in New York from 1940 until his appointment as Iceland's first Minister to Washington in 1941. In 1955 Mr. Thors was appointed Ambassador to Washington, a post he has held since. He is Iceland's Permanent Delegate to the United Nations and has represented Iceland at a number of international conferences.

Mr. Thors is married.