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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that three Cabinet Ministers of the Government of Sierra Leone, which gained its independence on April 27 of this year, will be visiting Ottawa from June 7 until June 9. The visitors are the Honourable M. S. Mustapha, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Albert M. Margai, Minister of Natural Resources, and the Honourable R. G. O. King, Minister of State for Development.

The distinguished visitors have come to Canada to discuss with Cabinet Ministers and senior Government officials various phases of economic assistance, including extension courses in agriculture, the establishment of banks and financial questions generally.

During their stay in Ottawa, the Ministers will call on the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, as well as on the Eank of Canada and the External Aid Office.

While in Ottawa they will be guests of honour at a luncheon sponsored by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and at a Government dinner at the Rideau Club, with the Honourable Donald Fleming as host.

Details of the programme arranged for the visiting Ministers, as well as biographical data, are attached.