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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1964.Opening of Two General Consulates in France

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, has announced that Canada will open two consulates-general in France, one in Bordeaux at the beginning of December, and the other in Marseille next spring. The first Canadian Consul-General at Bordeaux will be Mr. Robert Choquette, and at Marseille Mr. Eugène Bussiére.

The jurisdiction of the Bordeaux Consulate-General will include the region of the south-west of France (Poitou, Charente, Limousin, Aquitaine and the southern Pyrenees) and that of the Consulate-General of Marseille the region of the south-east (including Languedoc, Provence, the Riviera and Corsica).

Curriculum Vitae

Mr. Choquette was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, U.S.A., in 1905. He obtained his bachelor of arts at Loyola College in 1926. After a period with the "Gazette" in Montreal he became secretary of the French branch of the Association of Canadian Authors and editor-in-chief of the "Revue Moderne". Following this he served as librarian-secretary at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Montreal. He taught at Smith College, North Hampton, Mass., in 1942-43. In January 1963 he was named Associate Commissioner of the Centennial Commission. Mr. Choquette is a well-known poet and novelist; he has published, among other works, "Suite