in 1954 and has served abroad in Laos, Pretoria, Jakarta and London where, from 1972 to 1976, he was Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission. Since 1976 he has been Director of the United Nations Political Affairs Division.

Mr. Francis replaces Mr. John Dougan who has retired from the Foreign Service.

Mr. <u>Gerald E. Shannon</u>, 43, originally from Ottawa, to be Minister responsible for Economic Affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Mr. Shannon (B.A., Carleton University) joined External Affairs in 1963 and has served abroad in Washington and Belgrade. From 1974 to 1977 Mr. Shannon was Director of the Commercial Policy Division. Since July 1977, he has been Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Shannon replaces Mr. <u>L. A. H. Smith</u> who has been appointed Coordinator for Development Policy at Headquarters in Ottawa.

Mr. John R. Sharpe, 52, originally from Minnedosa, Manitoba, to be Consul General in Seattle. Mr. Sharpe (M.A., University of Edinburgh) joined External Affairs in 1955 and has served abroad in Colombo, Washington, Dublin and Paris (OECD)1. In 1972 he was seconded to the Trade Commissioner Service and served as Commercial Counsellor in London. Since 1977 he has been Director of the United States Transboundary Relations Division.

 $\,$ Mr. Sharpe replaces Mr. $\underline{\text{Gordon Brown}}$ who will be retiring from the Foreign Service.

Mr. Lawrence A. H. Smith, 48, who was born in Vizagapatam, India, to be Coordinator for Development Policy at Headquarters in Ottawa. The creation of this new position will contribute to the more effective development and implementation of Canadian policy towards developing countries.

Mr. Smith (B.A., McMaster University, B.A., M.A., B. Litt, Oxford University) joined External Affairs in 1957 and has served abroad in Karachi, Paris (OECD) and Bridgetown where, from 1973 to 1977, he was High Commissioner to Barbados and concurrently to Grenada and Commissioner to the West Indies Associated States and Montserrat. Since 1977 he has been Minister responsible for Economic Affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Washington.