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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. Joseph Charles Leonard Yvon Beaulne as Ambassador to Venezuela.

Mr. Beaulne, who was born in Ottawa in 1919, graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1941. He served with the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom, North Africa, Italy and Northwestern Europe, receiving his discharge in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Beaulne joined the Department of External Affairs in 1948 and has since served abroad at Rome, Buenos Aires, and Cuba. He has been head of the Latin American Division since its establishment in August 1960. He was a member of the Canadian Observer Group attending the Punta del Este conference last August.

Mr. Beaulne, accompanied by his wife and family, will take up his appointment early in the new year.