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The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of Mr. Robert A.D. Ford as Chargé d'Affaires at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow. He will replace Mr. J.B.C. Watkins, who is returning to Canada on home leave.

Mr. Ford, who is 36, is a native of London, Ontario, and a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and Cornell University. He was the winner of the Alexander Mackenzie Fellowship in History and Political Science of the University of Toronto, and the Cornell University Graduate Fellowship in History in 1938. From 1939 to 1940 he taught history at Cornell, where he also made special studies in the Russian language and eastern European history.

Mr. Ford joined the Department of External Affairs in July 1940, and has served in the Canadian Embassy in Rio de Janeiro and the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London. This is his second posting to the U.S.S.R. He previously served in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow from September 1946 to November 1947, acting as Chargé d'Affaires from April to November 1947. He was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the First General Assembly of the United Nations, London, January 1946. Since August 1949 he has been in the Department in Ottawa.