Mr. Robert M. Middleton, 45, originally from Vernon, British Columbia to be High Commissioner to Ghana.

Mr. Middleton (B.A., University of British Columbia), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1955 and has served abroad in Djakarta (1957-59), Rio de Janeiro (1962-64) and Washington (1967-71).

Mr. Middleton replaces Mr. David Reece who returns to Ottawa.

Mr. Saul F. Rae, 61, originally from Hamilton, Ontario, to be Ambassador to the Netherlands.

Mr. Rae (B.A., University of Toronto; Ph.D, University of London), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1940 and has served abroad in London (1943, 1949-52), Paris (1944-47), Vietnam (1955-56) and Washington (1956-62). In 1962 he was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations (Geneva). In 1967 he became Ambassador to Mexico with the concurrent accreditation to Guatemala, and, in 1972, he was named Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations (New York).

Mr. Rae succeeds Mr. Thomas Carter, whose next assignment is announced above.

Mr. Albert Edgar Ritchie, 59, originally from Andover, New Brunswick, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Mr. Ritchie (B.A., Mount Allison University; Rhodes Scholar and B.A., Oxford University; LL.D., from Mount Allison and St. Thomas Universities) has served abroad with the Department in London (1948-52) and Washington (1957-59). He was named Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1959, and became Deputy Under-Secretary in 1964). In 1966 he was appointed Ambassador to the United States, and returned in 1970 to become Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, which he remained until late 1974.

He was the recipient, in 1973, the Outstanding Achievement Award for the Public Service of Canada, and was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1975.

Mr. Ritchie succeeds Mr. H. Morton Maddick, whose next assignment will be announced shortly.