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The Department of External Affairs today issued the following information concerning the forthcoming visit to Canada of the President of the French Republic, M. Vincent Auriol. A more detailed programme will be issued later.

Mme. Auriol will accompany the President. Principal members of the party are: M. Robert Schuman, Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Paul Grossin, Military Secretary General of the Presidency, M. Jacques Dumaine, Minister Plenipotentiary and Chief of Protocol.

The President and his party will arrive at Ottawa by train from New York at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 5. There will be a luncheon at Government House by Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Alexander. At 3:30 p.m. the President will address the two Houses of Parliament in the House of Commons Chamber, following which there will be a reception by the Speakers. The President will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial.

M. Auriol will give a dinner at the French Embassy, followed by a reception at 10:00 p.m.

The President and his party will arrive in Toronto by train on Friday morning and will drive to the Parliament Buildings. M. Auriol will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. There will be a luncheon by the Lieutenant-Governor. It is expected that the President himself will return to Ottawa by air while most of his party will travel by train. At dinner he will be the guest of the Prime Minister and Mrs. St. Laurent.

Arriving in Quebec Saturday morning by train the President will visit the Parliament Building and will lay a wreath at the War Memorial. A luncheon will be given by the Lieutenant-Governor and Madame Fauteux. An honorary degree will be conferred on M. Auriol at Laval University. The Government of the Province of Quebec will give a dinner. The President and his party will remain in Quebec Saturday night and will attend Mass in memory of the Allied dead of the two World Wars at the Basilica Sunday morning, leaving immediately afterwards for Montreal by train.

Reaching Montreal Sunday afternoon, the President will visit the University of Montreal, Collège Stanislas and McGill University. A dinner will be given by the Speaker of the Senate and Mme. Beauregard and later that night the President and his party will leave from Dorval airport for Paris.