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The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of Mr. Charles Hébert, who has been Canadian Ambassador to Mexico since 1949, to be Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg. Mr. Hébert succeeds Lt-General Maurice Pope, whose appointment to Spain was recently announced. Mr. Hébert will take up his post about mid-December.

Mr. Hébert joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946, when he was appointed Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Before that time, he had served as member of the Tariff Board, Ottawa, from 1933 to 1940, of the Trade and Industry Commission from 1935 to 1940 and of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in 1939 and 1940. After serving with the Canadian Army in Northwest Europe during the Second World War he was appointed Military Attaché at the Canadian Legation to the Allied Governments in London and later served at the Canadian Embassies in Brussels and The Hague in the same capacity. Mr. Hébert was appointed Canadian Minister to Cuba in 1948 and Ambassador to Mexico the following year. He was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment in Havana, 1947, the High Frequency Broadcasting Conference in Mexico, 1948, the First Technical Petroleum Convention in Mexico City, 1950, and the Seventh Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, 1952. He is married.
