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His Excellency Hans Wilhelm Gasser today presented to the Deputy Governor-General, the Honourable Robert Taschereau, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Switzerland. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court of Canada. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to the Deputy Governor-General.

Mr. M.H. Wershof, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Colonel A.G. Cherrier, Assistant Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on the Deputy Governor-General on this occasion.

The Ambassador was accompanied by the following members of the Swiss Embassy in Ottawa:

Mr. Jacques Mallet, Counsellor;

Colonel Karl Erny, Military and Air Attaché;

Mr. Max B. Dahinden, Secretary;

Mr. Jean-Pierre Saurer, Attaché (Administration).

Mr. Gasser was born in Nunningen, Canton of Soleure, Switzerland, in 1904. He joined the Swiss Foreign Service in 1941, and has served in Berlin, Hamburg and Frankfurt. In 1956, he was transferred to New York as Consul General, a post which he occupied until his present appointment.

Mr. Gasser is single.