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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the appointment of Mr. Michel Gauvin as Canada's first Ambassador to Ethiopia.

Mr. Gauvin, who was born in Quebec City on April 7, 1919, was educated at St. Charles Garnier, Quebec, Laval University and Carleton College. He served with the Canadian Army from 1940 to 1947 and was awarded the DSO.

Mr. Gauvin joined the Department of External Affairs in March 1947 and was on loan to the Office of the Prime Minister until 1950. He served abroad in Ankara and Lisbon and as Adviser to the Canadian Commissioners International Control Commission in Indochina. In January 1958 he was appointed First Secretary in Caracas and in October 1960, Counsellor in Buenos Aires. In February 1961 Mr. Gauvin was appointed acting Consul General in Leopoldville and Chargé d'Affaires a.i. in June 1962. In 1963-64 he attended National Defence College, Kingston. Mr. Gauvin was sent on special missions, in November 1964, to the Congo in connection with the release of Canadian hostages held in Stanleyville and, in May-June 1965, to the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Gauvin is married and has two children.