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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of Mr. Georges Charpentier, of Ottawa, as the Canadian Ambassador to the Ivory Coast. The opening of this mission was announced by the Minister during the summer.

Mr. Charpentier will thus be the first Canadian Ambassador to reside in that country. The Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana, Mr. Douglas Hicks, will remain non-resident ambassador to the Ivory Coast until the arrival of Mr. Charpentier in Abidjan.

GEORGES CHARPENTIER

Mr. Georges Charpentier was born in Ottawa on November 9, 1923. In 1942 he was a reporter for "Le Canada", Montreal and in 1943, for "Le Droit" Ottawa. After joining the Canadian Army in 1943 he was transferred to the RCAF in 1944 and later served in the United Kingdom; he was discharged in 1946.

He obtained his B.A. from the Université de Montréal in 1942 and a diploma in Political Science and Economics from the University of Paris, 1947. In 1948 he studied at the London School of Economics (Economics and Slavic Studies) and at the Academy of International Law at the Hague.

Mr. Charpentier joined the Department of External Affairs in 1949 and has been posted to Canberra, the National Defence College, Kingston, Ankara, Rome, and London.

Mr. Charpentier is married to Jacqueline Dufour of Ottawa and has two children.