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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Government had appointed Mr. J. E. R. Ross, Dominion Geodesist, to be Canadian member of the International Boundary Commission. The appointment became effective December 18, 1951.

Mr. Ross replaced Mr. J. L. Rannie who retired as Dominion Geodesist December 18, 1951, and resigned as Canadian International Boundary Commissioner the same day.

A geodesist of international repute, Mr. Ross comes to his new appointment well versed by training and experience in the techniques and functions pertaining to the International Boundary. Following his graduation as a civil engineer from the University of Toronto in 1912, he entered the service of the Federal Government where he was commissioned as a Dominion Land Surveyor in 1913 and as a Dominion Topographical Surveyor in 1919. Since 1943 he has been a member of the Board of Examiners for Dominion Land Surveyors. One of the highlights of his career was his introduction of the use of Shoran, an electronic method of distance measurement, into Government mapping. Under his guidance, it has proved of great value in speeding up the mapping of Canada's northern regions. Mr. Ross is also the author of several publications on geodesy.

The International Boundary Commission comprises two Commissioners, one representing Canada and the other the United States. They are appointed under the provisions of the International Boundary Demarcation Treaty of 1908.
