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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the following appointments:

Mr. Charles Pierre Hebert, who has been Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Canada in Cuba, has been appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada in Mexico, to succeed Mr. Sydney David Pierce, who was recently appointed Associate Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. R. G. Riddell, Head of the United Nations Division, has been appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. John W. Holmes, who was First Secretary and Chargé d'Affaires at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow from November, 1947, to September, 1948, has returned to Ottawa and has been appointed Acting Head of the United Nations Division.

Brief biographies are attached.