

Dr. Caio de Mello Franco holds the degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Rio de Janeiro. He entered the foreign service of his country in 1918 and has held diplomatic posts at Paris, The Holy See, The Hague, London, and, prior to his present appointment was Minister of Brazil in the Republic of Ecuador. The Minister has also served as Chief of Protocol in the Foreign Office at Rio de Janeiro. His father, Dr. Afranio de Mello Franco has the rank of Ambassador in the diplomatic service of Brazil and is at present President of the Pan-American Juridical Commission. Dr. Caio de Mello Franco is married and Mrs. de Mello Franco has accompanied him to Ottawa.

Mr. Norman Robertson, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs presented Dr. Caio de Mello Franco to the Deputy Governor General. The new minister delivered a short address to which Sir Lyman Duff replied. Mr. Howard Measures of the Department of External Affairs was present and the Minister presented to the Deputy Governor General the following members of his Legation staff:

Mr. J.B. de Berenguer-Cesar, First Secretary;  
Mr. Edgard de Mello, Commercial Counsellor;  
Mr. F. deMurtinho-Braga, Second Secretary; and  
Mr. Fernando Cesar de Betancourt-Berenguer, Attache.

The text of Dr. de Mello Franco's short address and of the Deputy Governor General's reply follow:-

Sir,

I have the honour to place in your hands the Letter accrediting me Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Brazil to Canada, as well as the Letter of Recall of my distinguished predecessor, Mr. Joao Alberto Lins de Barros.

I consider it a great privilege to be chosen by my country to fulfill such a high mission at the moment when destiny has placed our two countries together fighting for the cause of humanity and liberty.

I will do my utmost to develop more and more the ties of friendship that have always existed between Canada and Brazil.

In carrying out the duties of my high mission, I am sure that I may rely upon the assistance of the Government of Canada, and I avail myself of this occasion to convey to you in the name of His Excellency the President of the Republic of the United States of Brazil and in my own name, best wishes for the welfare of your Government and for the happiness of the Canadian people.