

ROBERT ALEXANDER MACKAY

DR. R.A. MACKAY WAS BORN IN VICTORIA COUNTY, ONTARIO, ON JANUARY 2, 1894, AND GRADUATED WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO IN 1920. HE OBTAINED A PH.D. AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY IN 1924. HE WAS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, 1925-27, AND A PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, 1927-1943. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON DOMINION PROVINCIAL RELATIONS, 1937-40. DR. MACKAY WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, 1943-44, AND WAS ELECTED A FELLOW OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA, 1942. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF BOOKS ON CANADIAN HISTORY AND POLITICAL ECONOMY. DR. MACKAY JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1943. HE WAS APPOINTED AN ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1952, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN JANUARY 1954 AND ASSOCIATE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN AUGUST 1954. DR. MACKAY REPRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON THE PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE FROM 1950 TO 1955. DR. MACKAY HAS ATTENDED A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE BECAME PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, IN AUGUST 1955. DR. MACKAY IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.