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His Excellency Ali Motamedy presented today to His Excellency the Governor General his Letter of Credence as Minister of Iran to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House.

The Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. R.M. Macdonnell, was present at the ceremony. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Minister to the Governor General. The Minister was accompanied by Mr. Abbass Hedayat Vaziri, Secretary of the Legation. Mr. Lionel Massey and Mr. J.F. Delaute, respectively Secretary and Administrative Secretary to the Governor General, were also present.

Mr. Motamedy was born in Teheran in 1897, and is a graduate of the Teheran School of Political Science and the Teheran Faculty of Law. He entered the Foreign Service in 1919 and served in various posts abroad, including that of Alternate Delegate to the League of Nations, (1929) and Chargé d'Affaires in Rome, (1932). His last diplomatic appointment was as Ambassador to India in 1943. Mr. Motamedy has also held several important posts in the Iranian Government, both in the Foreign Ministry where he served as Director of the Political Division and later as Chief of Protocol as well as in other Government departments. He was Minister of Roads and Communications in two Cabinets and Under-Secretary of State to Prime Minister Feruqi.

Before his appointment as the first Iranian Minister to Canada, Mr. Motamedy was Minister without Portfolio in the Iranian Government.

Mr. Motamedy is married and has two children.