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The Canadian Government, desiring to complete its representation in Commonwealth countries and to widen the area of Canadian representation in South and South-East Asia, has appointed a High Commissioner for Canada to Ceylon and has agreed with the Government of Indonesia to the establishment of diplomatic missions of the rank of Embassy in their respective countries.

Mr. J.J. Hurley, O.B.E., E.D. has been named High Commissioner to Ceylon and will take up his post in July. Mr. G.R.C. Heasman, O.B.E., has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia and will take up his post in June. The Government of Indonesia has appointed Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo as Indonesian Ambassador to Canada. He will perform the functions of this office concurrently with those he is now performing as Indonesian Ambassador to the United States and will be represented in Ottawa during his absences by a resident Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

James Joseph Hurley O.B.E., E.D., was born in Brantford, Ont., in 1898. After serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in World War I, he entered the firm of Hurley Print Co. Ltd., at Brantford, in 1919, and was President and Managing Director from 1931 to 1940. He served overseas during World War II as Lieutenant-Colonel and was discharged with the rank of Colonel in 1946 after having been Acting Commandant Royal Military College, Kingston. Mr. Hurley joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947 and served with the Canadian Military Mission in Berlin until his appointment as Canadian Consul at Detroit, Michigan, 1948. He returned to Ottawa for duty in the Department in 1951. Mr. Hurley is married.

George Robert Cawdron Heasman, O.B.E., was born in 1898 and attended Queen's University. After several years in private industry Mr. Heasman joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1927. He was appointed Assistant Trade Commissioner at Batavia, Java, in 1928 and was promoted to Trade Commissioner at that post in 1930. Until 1933, Mr. Heasman travelled extensively in South-East Asia in the promotion of Canada's export trade. He subsequently served as Trade Commissioner at Cape Town, 1933-1936, London, 1939 and Chicago, 1940. He returned to Ottawa in 1941 to organize and head the Canadian Export Permit (license) Branch. He was also appointed Assistant to the Director of the Mutual Aid Board.

In 1945, Mr. Heasman was made Director of the Trade Commissioner Service. In 1947 he was a member of the Canadian Government Trade Mission to Africa and Mediterranean countries and in 1950 he made a round-the-world inspection trip of Canadian trade commissioner's offices during which he revisited South and South-East Asia, including Indonesia. In 1951 his duties took him to South and Central America. Mr. Heasman is married and has two children.