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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. Mendès-France, Prime Minister of France, will visit Canada from Sunday, November 14, until Wednesday, November 17. The Prime Minister will be accompanied by Madame Mendès-France and a party of senior officials.

Mr. Mendès-France is scheduled to arrive at Quebec City at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at Ancienne Lorette Airport where they will be welcomed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, the Minister of Transport and Communications representing the Premier of the Province, the Mayor of Quebec, the Ambassador of France, a senior officer of the Department of External Affairs, and their wives. After reviewing a guard of honour, the Prime Minister and Madame Mendès-France will proceed to Bois de Coulonge with the Lieutenant-Governor who will be their host in the ancient capital. During the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Mendès-France will make a tour of the points of historical interest in Quebec and will attend a reception at the residence of the Consul General of France. That evening, the Lieutenant-Governor will give a dinner in their honour.

On Monday, Mr. Mendès-France will call upon the Premier. He will be received by the Mayor at the Hôtel de Ville and by the Archbishop of Quebec at Laval University.

At 12.45 p.m. the Prime Minister of France will leave for Montreal. In Montreal, he will call upon the Mayor, meet the Rector of the University of Montreal and the Principal of McGill University, and will visit Stanislas College. He will also attend an afternoon reception for the French community at l'Union Nationale Française. The Presidents of France-Amérique and l'Alliance Française will entertain at dinner in honour of the Prime Minister of France who will later address the members of these two societies.

On Tuesday, November 16, Mr. Mendès-France will leave for Ottawa arriving at Uplands airport (R.C.A.F. Station) at 9.30 a.m. where he will be welcomed by the Prime Minister of Canada, will review a guard of honour and make a short statement for Press and Radio before driving to the Prime Minister's Office for a conference with Mr. St. Laurent. The Ambassador of France will entertain at luncheon in his honour and he will meet members of the press at 3.30 that afternoon at the French Embassy. His Excellency the Governor-General will receive Mr. Mendès-France at 5.00 o'clock. The Ambassador and Madame Guérin will hold a reception in honour of the Prime Minister of France and Madame Mendès-France prior to the dinner which the Prime Minister and Madame St. Laurent are giving in their honour.

On Wednesday, November 17, Mr. Mendès-France will have further conversations with members of the Canadian Government and will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial at 12.00 noon. Following a Canadian Club luncheon in his honour Mr. Mendès-France and his party will depart from Uplands airport (R.C.A.F. Station) for Washington.

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