

John Arnold Irwin

Mr. Irwin was born in Watrous, Saskatchewan on July 4, 1917, and was educated at the University of Saskatchewan where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1940.

Following war service overseas with the RCAF, Mr. Irwin joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945. Mr. Irwin has subsequently served in Dublin, Prague, and Djakarta. In 1954, he was seconded to the Air Transport Board to act as Canadian Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization. On his return to the Department in 1957, Mr. Irwin was appointed Counsellor in Cairo and in 1962 attended the Imperial Defence College in London. In 1963, Mr. Irwin was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Poland. Mr. Irwin took up his present position as Head of Administrative Services Division in 1965.

Bruce MacGillivray Williams

Mr. Williams was born in Nipigon, Ontario, in 1918, and is a graduate of the University of Toronto. In 1946, after his discharge from the Canadian Army, he joined the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Williams served as Secretary to the Canadian Delegation to the Atomic Energy Commission from 1946 to 1948 and as Deputy Permanent Delegate to the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva in 1952. During the years 1953-56, he served as Counsellor at the Office of the High Commission for Canada in New Delhi. In 1956, he was appointed Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisory Commission for Saigon. On his return to Ottawa in 1957, he served as Head of Personnel Division until 1959, when he was appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana, and later accredited concurrently as Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Guinea, and Togo. In 1962, Mr. Williams was appointed Ambassador to Turkey, a post he held until 1964, at which time he returned to Ottawa to become Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, the position he now holds.
