

Mr. Lawrence A.H. Smith, 47, who was born in Vizagapatam, India, to be Minister responsible for Economic Affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Mr. Smith (B.A. McMaster University, B.A. M.A. B.Litt. Oxford University) joined External Affairs in 1957 and has served abroad in Karachi and Paris. Since 1973 he has been High Commissioner to Barbados.

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Mr. Kenneth Taylor, 42, originally from Calgary, to be Ambassador to Iran, and concurrently to Bahrein, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Mr. Taylor (B.A. University of Toronto, M.B.A. University of California) joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1959 and has served abroad in Guatemala, Detroit, Karachi, and London. Since 1974 he has been General Director of the Trade Commissioner Service.

Mr. Taylor replaces James George who will be retiring from the Foreign Service.

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Mr. Jean-Marcel Touchette, 48, originally from Lachute, Quebec, to be Ambassador to Tunisia. Mr. Touchette (B.A., L.Ph. University of Ottawa, M.A. Harvard University) joined External Affairs in 1959 and has served abroad in Beirut and Cairo. In 1975 he returned to Cairo as Ambassador to Egypt and concurrently to Libya and Sudan.

Mr. Touchette replaces Jacques Gignac who will be returning to headquarters in Ottawa.