

GOVERNMENT



OF CANADA

PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA - CANADA

429

FOR RELEASE AT 11:00 a.m. EST
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1953

The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of new High Commissioners for Canada to Australia and New Zealand. Mr. W.A. Irwin has been named High Commissioner to Australia and will take up his post in May, replacing Mr. C.F. Elliott who will be retiring from government service during the summer. Mr. E.H. Norman has been appointed High Commissioner to New Zealand and will take up his post in July succeeding Mr. A. Rive. Mr. Rive will become Civilian Member of the Directing Staff of the National Defence College in Kingston, Ont.

William Arthur Irwin was born at Ayr, Ontario, in 1898 and was educated at the University of Manitoba and the University of Toronto. During the First World War he served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was then engaged in various editorial capacities, in Toronto and Ottawa, for the Toronto Mail and Empire and the Toronto Globe. From 1925-1944 he was associate editor of Maclean's Magazine, and in 1944 became editor. In December 1949, Mr. Irwin was appointed National Film Commissioner. He is married and has three children.

Egerton Herbert Norman was born in Japan in 1909 and was educated at the Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan, at Toronto and Cambridge Universities, and at the Harvard Yenching Institute. He joined the Department in 1939 while in Tokyo, and was interned in Japan from December 1941 to July 1942. He served in Ottawa, 1943-1946, and as Head of the Canadian Liaison Mission in Tokyo, 1946-1950. Returning to Ottawa in 1950, he was appointed Head of the American and Far Eastern Division, and in 1952 was made Head of the Information Division. During 1950 he also served as Acting Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and in 1951 attended the San Francisco Conference on the Japanese Peace Treaty. He is the author of "Japan's Emergence as a Modern State". Mr. Norman is married.