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HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. ARTTURI AUGUST LEHTINEN TODAY PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 11:30 A.M. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H. F. FEAVER PRESENTED THE MINISTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL. MR. HENRY F. DAVIS, ACTING ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MR. ESMOND BUTLER, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL WERE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE MINISTER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. OSMO VAINOLA, ATTACHE.

MR. LEHTINEN WAS BORN AT MJURLA, FINLAND, ON OCTOBER 10, 1896. HE IS A GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI AND ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1948. MR. LEHTINEN HAS SERVED AS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AT THE FINNISH LEGATION IN WASHINGTON, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS AT THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONSUL GENERAL OF FINLAND IN NEW YORK, PERMANENT OBSERVER OF FINLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND, HAS BEEN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE LEGATION OF FINLAND IN OTTAWA SINCE 1959.