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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the following appointments and transfers within the Canadian Diplomatic Service:

Mr. L.P. Picard, Q.C., M.P., who is resigning his seat in the House of Commons, is to be appointed Ambassador to Argentina to succeed Major-General the Honourable L.R. Laflèche whose retirement was announced on June 1.

Mr. Alfred Rive, External Affairs Member of the Directing Staff at the National Defence College, is to be appointed Ambassador to Ireland. He will succeed the Hon. W.F.A. Turgeon whose appointment as Ambassador to Portugal was announced on March 7. Mr. Rive is expected to take up his new duties early in October.

Mr. Paul A. Bridle will succeed Mr. Leon Mayrand about October 1 as Canadian Commissioner on the International Supervisory Commission for Laos. Mr. Mayrand will be transferred to another diplomatic post which will be announced later.