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His Excellency Livingston T. Merchant presented today to His Excellency the Governor-General His Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at Government House.

The Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. A.E. Ritchie, was present on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. The Ambassador was accompanied by members of the United States Embassy in Ottawa.

Mr. Esmond Butler and Mr. E. Joly de Lotbinière respectively Secretary and Assistant Secretary to the Governor-General, were also present.

Mr. Merchant was born in New York in 1903. He has been in Government Service since 1942 having held many important posts in Washington and abroad. He is well known here having served as Ambassador to Canada from 1956-58. Since 1959 he has been Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

Mr. Merchant is married.