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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Governments of Canada and Israel have agreed to an early exchange of Ambassadors.

When the Legation of Israel was established in Ottawa on September 1, 1953, it was understood that because of a shortage of personnel and prior commitments elsewhere Canada would not be able to reciprocate immediately. Now, however, the Canadian Government finds it possible to establish an Embassy in Tel Aviv and to send an experienced officer of the Department of External Affairs to serve as Chargé d'Affaires ad interim during periods when the Ambassador is resident in another state to which he will also be accredited. These appointments will be announced later. Israel's Legation in Ottawa will be raised to Embassy rank.

It is confidently expected that these arrangements will help to promote trade and the many other interests which Canada and Israel have in common as well as to facilitate a two-way exchange of views in the field of international co-operation and on other matters of concern to both countries.
