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The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of Major General the Honourable Léo Richer LaFlèche, Canadian Ambassador to Argentina and Uruguay, as Special Ambassador of Canada to Uruguay for the purpose of representing Canada at ceremonies to be held in Montevideo on March 1 in honour of the Transmission of Powers to the new National Council of Uruguay, headed by His Excellency Don Luis Batlle Berres.

Major General LaFlèche will be accompanied by Mr. Fulgence Charpentier, Chargé d'Affaires at Montevideo.

The Ambassador will transmit to President Batlle Berres a message from the Prime Minister of Canada extending congratulations and best wishes to the Government and people of Uruguay.