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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. George Bernard Summers as Ambassador of Canada to Chile.

Mr. Summers was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, on October 16, 1906. He was called to the Bar of Newfoundland in 1929, and was appointed to the Department of Justice, Newfoundland, as Assistant Secretary in 1934. In 1939 he was named Secretary for Justice under the Newfoundland Commission of Government. In 1940 he was created Queen's Counsel.

Mr. Summers served overseas during the War and was discharged from the Army in 1946 with the rank of Colonel. He was then appointed Legal Adviser in the Control Commission for Germany, holding this appointment until 1950 when he joined the Department of External Affairs. From 1954 until 1957 he served as Chargé d'Affaires in Prague, Czechoslovakia. In 1958 Mr. Summers was posted to Iran as Minister and in 1960 he became Canada's first Ambassador to Iran, which post he occupied until now.

On assuming his new duties as Ambassador to Chile, Mr. Summers will take up residence in Santiago.

Mr. Summers is married and has two children.