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The Department of External Affairs announced today that His Excellency Dr. Juan Antonio Vasquez Bello presented to the Honourable Chief Justice Kerwin, Deputy Governor-General, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cuba to Canada. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court Building.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, was in attendance on the Deputy Governor-General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Ambassador to Mr. Kerwin. The Ambassador was accompanied by Dr. Juan Vela Monet, Commercial Attache. Mr. J. F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor-General (Administrative) was also present.

Dr. Vasquez Bello was born in 1897. He graduated from the University of Havana in 1918 with the degree of Doctor of Civil Law. He served in the Consular Service of Cuba from 1918 to 1922. Since then, he has held a number of important public posts in his country's Government, serving successively as Under-Secretary of State, Governor of the Province of Las Villas, Member of the Cuban Chamber of Representatives, Assistant Counsel in the Treasury of the Supreme Court of Justice. At the same time, he practiced law in his native city of Santa Clara, Province of Las Villas. In 1952, he was appointed Ambassador to Costa Rica, a post which he still held prior to his appointment to Canada.

Dr. Vasquez Bello is married and has one daughter.
