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THE NEWLY APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND, MR. FOSS SHANAHAN, THIS MORNING MADE HIS FIRST CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS INTRODUCED BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H.F.B. FEAVER. MR. R.Q. QUENTIN-BAXTER, FIRST SECRETARY AT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE WAS ALSO PRESENT.

MR. SHANAHAN WAS BORN IN 1910. HE HAS OCCUPIED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POSTS IN THE NEW ZEALAND CIVIL SERVICE, INCLUDING THAT OF SECRETARY TO THE CABINET. DURING HIS CAREER HE HAS SERVED AS HIS COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNCIL OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION, AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, AND HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MALAYA. PRIOR TO HIS TRANSFER TO OTTAWA, MR. SHANAHAN WAS COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.

MR. SHANAHAN IS MARRIED AND HAS FIVE CHILDREN.