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Announcement of the Elevation of the Canadian
Legation, Washington to the Status of Embassy

The creation of the Canadian Embassy at Washington, and the appointment of the Honourable Leighton McCarthy, K.C., as first Canadian Ambassador to the United States of America, is a logical development in the friendly and constantly expanding relationships between our two countries.

For some time past, Canada has been the only Government of the Western hemisphere represented at Washington by a Minister; the diplomatic representatives of all of the republics of Central and South America are now Ambassadors. This situation has given rise to a number of anomalies in the position of Canada in the Capital of the United States and in its official relations with the government of its oldest and closest neighbour. In addition, the technical differences between ministers and ambassadors as heads of missions have in recent years very largely disappeared, so that there is now no valid reason why the diplomatic missions of Canada and the United States in Washington and Ottawa should not be designated as embassies.