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The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of Mr. Edmond Turcotte as Consul-General in Venezuela. Mr. Douglas S. Cole, who is now Commercial Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Mexico, will succeed Mr. Turcotte as Consul-General in Chicago. Both Mr. Turcotte and Mr. Cole are expected to return to Ottawa before leaving for their new positions some time in September.

Edmond Turcotte

Mr. Turcotte was born at Lowell, Massachusetts, January 24, 1898, where he attended public and private schools.

He began his newspaper career at Lowell in 1919, where he worked on the Lowell Courier-Citizen, the Lowell Evening Leader and l'Etoile. In 1931 he came to Canada as Assistant to the Editor-in-Chief of Le Canada, Montreal daily morning newspaper. From 1934 to 1937 he was Editor-in-Chief of Le Canada.

In the summer of 1937, Mr. Turcotte left Canada on a study tour of France, Switzerland and Italy. On his return to Canada, he did free lance journalism and radio news commentaries in Montreal for one year. In 1939 he was secretary to the Mayor of Montreal and secretary to the Montreal Fire Commission. From December, 1939, to January, 1942, he was Deputy Director of the Board of Economic Reconstruction of the Province of Quebec (Direct Relief and Unemployment Works). From January, 1942, to April, 1942, he organized the French-language service of the Information Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, after which he resumed his position as Editor-in-Chief of Le Canada.

Mr. Turcotte was a member of the National Film Board of Canada from 1939 to 1947. In this connection he went to Paris (October-November, 1944) on a mission to the French Government. In 1947, he was made a Knight of Legion of Honour by the French Government.

Mr. Turcotte was appointed the first Canadian Consul-General in Chicago on October 24, 1947.

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