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HIS EXCELLENCY, TORU HAGIWARA, PRESENTED TODAY TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF JAPAN TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. JULES LEGER, WAS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. E. D'ARCY MCGREER, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. K. MAEDA, COUNSELLOR, MR. T. WADA, FIRST SECRETARY, MR. E. YAMASITA, SECOND SECRETARY (COMMERCIAL), MR. K. KIKUCHI, ATTACHE, MR. N. NAKANO, THIRD SECRETARY AND MR. N. NAKAHIRA, ATTACHE OF HIS EMBASSY.

MR. HAGIWARA WAS BORN IN 1906. HE JOINED THE JAPANESE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1928. AFTER SERVING IN FRANCE, CHINA, AND THE NETHERLANDS, HE RETURNED TO JAPAN IN 1940. THERE, HE HELD IMPORTANT POSTS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN 1950 HE BECAME CHIEF OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS AGENCY IN PARIS AND WAS APPOINTED MINISTER TO THE EMBASSY IN 1952. HE ALSO SERVED IN SWITZERLAND AS MINISTER IN 1952 AND WAS PROMOTED TO AMBASSADORIAL RANK IN 1955.

MR. HAGIWARA IS MARRIED.