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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, the Honourable Garfield Todd, will arrive in Ottawa on Monday morning, August 22, for a visit of four days. While in Ottawa, Mr. Todd will stay at the Chateau Laurier.

Mr. Todd, who will arrive by train from Toronto early Monday morning, will pay courtesy calls at Rideau Hall and on government officials later in the morning and will be the guest of the Department of Trade and Commerce at the Rideau Club for luncheon. He will visit the National Research Council in the afternoon and, after a dinner at the Country Club with Dr. James A. Gibson as host, will address a meeting of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs at Carleton College that evening.

Mr. Todd will hold a press conference at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, August 23, in the Main Conference Room of the East Block. This will be followed by a meeting with officials of the Departments of Trade and Commerce and External Affairs. The United Kingdom Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Neil Pritchard, C.M.G., will entertain in Mr. Todd's honour at luncheon and the Executive of the Central Canada Exhibition Association will give a dinner for him at the Exhibition Grounds. During the afternoon Mr. Todd will visit the Parliament Building. On Wednesday, August 24, Mr. Todd will be in Chalk River, visiting the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. He will depart by air from Rockcliffe, lunch with senior officials and return in the late afternoon to Ottawa by train. Mr. Todd will leave for Toronto on Thursday evening.

The Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, who was born and grew up in New Zealand, was a missionary for the Church of Christ (Disciples) in Southern Rhodesia and an ordained minister of the gospel prior to entering political life. He was elected to the Legislature in Salisbury in 1946 and became Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia in 1955 when his predecessor, Sir Godfrey Huggins, became Prime Minister of the newly-created Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Mr. Todd has been attending the meeting of the World Council of Churches of Christ in Toronto this week.