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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Governments of Norway and Canada have agreed to raise the status of their respective diplomatic missions to that of Embassy.

The Norwegian Legation in Ottawa is at present under the direction of Mr. Sven N. Oftedal, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, and the new Ambassador will be Mr. Arne Gunneng, who will arrive in Ottawa to take up his duties early in September. As the Acting Permanent Representative of Norway to the North Atlantic Council, Mr. Gunneng was in Canada in late May during the visit which the North Atlantic Council Permanent Representatives made to the Air Defence Command at St. Hubert, P.Q., and the Montreal area.

The present Canadian Minister to Norway, Mr. Chester A. Ronning, will be Canada's first Ambassador to that country.

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