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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1953.

His Excellency Erling Sundt Bent presented today to the Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, Deputy Governor General, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Norway to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at the Supreme Court Building.

The Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. C.S.A. Ritchie, was in attendance on the Deputy Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Minister to the Deputy Governor General. Mr. J.F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General (Administrative) was also present. The Minister was accompanied by Mr. Sven Oftedal, Press Counsellor and Mr. Hartley Antonsen, Attaché.

Mr. Bent was born in 1894. He studied at Oxford University from 1912 to 1914 and entered the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1921. He has held diplomatic or consular posts in Hamburg, London, Montreal, Los Angeles and New York, and has also served in various capacities in the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Prior to his appointment to Canada, Mr. Bent was Minister to Italy.

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