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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. W. D. Matthews, Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy, Washington, had been promoted to the rank of Minister.

Before his transfer to Washington earlier this year, Mr. Matthews was Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in the Department at Ottawa.

The Department also announced that Canadian participation in arrangements for continuing consultation agreed upon at the sterling-dollar tripartite talks in Washington last September would be effected through the Embassy and that in addition to his other duties as Minister, Mr. Matthews would be acting in these matters as Deputy to the Ambassador, Mr. Hume Wrong. In this connection it would be recalled that the final communique issued by the representatives of the U.K., U.S. and Canada at the end of the Washington talks in September stated that "Arrangements for continuing consultation - supplementing the usual channels of communication between governments - will be used to keep under review the effectiveness of actions already agreed upon and to prepare, for governmental consideration, measures which could carry further those adjustments which are considered necessary".

Mr. Matthews was born in Toronto, July 2, 1906, and attended Ridley College, St. Catharines, and the Royal Military College, Kingston. He graduated from the University of Toronto with the degree of B.A. in 1929 and studied law at Osgoode Law School. From 1929 to 1930 he served as an Attaché at the Canadian Legation in Washington. From 1933 to 1939 he was engaged in the practice of law and in business in Toronto. After four years' service with the Foreign Exchange Control Board, beginning in 1939, he joined the Department of External Affairs in 1943.