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The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. Urho Toivola presented today, to His Excellency The Governor General, at Government House, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Finland in Canada.

The Right Honourable L. S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs, was present.

Mr. Toivola was presented to His Excellency The Governor General by Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Toivola was Secretary of the Legations of Finland in London and in Paris from 1919 to 1925. He was Finnish Government Delegate at the International Labour Conferences in 1922 and 1923, and Secretary of the Finnish Delegation at the League of Nations Assemblies from 1922 to 1924. He was Editor-in-Chief of the daily newspaper "Turun Sanomat" in Abo from 1925 to 1937 and was a Member of Parliament from 1933 to 1936. Mr. Toivola was chief of the Press Department of the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 1938 to 1940, and Chief of the State Information Office in 1939. Mr. Toivola was Charge d'Affaires of Finland in Norway in 1940, and was Counsellor of the Finnish Legation in Washington from 1941 to 1944.

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