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TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1954.

His Excellency Rafael Paino Pichardo presented to-day to the Honourable Mr. Justice Patrick Kerwin, Deputy Governor-General, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Dominican Republic to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at the Supreme Court Building.

The Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. R.A. MacKay, was in attendance on the Deputy Governor-General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Deputy Governor-General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Alfonso Simpson, First Secretary of his Embassy. Mr. J.F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General (Administrative), was also present.

Mr. Pichardo, who was born in 1889, has held a number of important posts in his country's government. Since his entry into the foreign service of the Dominican Republic, he has served as Inspector of Legations and Consulates; Special Envoy to Great Britain, the French West Indies and Haiti; Minister to Chile and to Peru. He has also represented his country at various international conferences. Prior to his appointment to Canada, he was a member of his country's Congress.

Mr. Pichardo is married and has a son.
