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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the following changes and appointments in the Canadian Diplomatic Service.

The Government of Canada has agreed with the Governments of Iceland and Luxembourg to raise their diplomatic representation in their respective countries to the status of Embassy.

The Government of the Peoples Republic of Poland and the Government of Canada have also decided to raise their Legations in Warsaw and Ottawa to Embassies. Mr. G.H. Southam, who has been Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Canadian Legation in Warsaw since March 1959, has been appointed the first Ambassador of Canada to Poland.

Mr. J.A. McCordick has been appointed Minister of Canada to the Czechoslovak Republic. He will take up his duties in June. Mr. McCordick replaces Mr. A.J. Andrew, who has been Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Canadian Legation in Prague since July 1957.

Mr. T.G.M. Major has been appointed Consul General of Canada in Manila with jurisdiction in the Republic of the Philippines. Mr. Major, who is now serving as Commercial Counsellor in Melbourne, Australia, will take up his new duties shortly. Mr. H.L.E. Priestman, the present Consul General in Manila, is proceeding on retirement.

Dr. C.F. Wilson has been appointed Consul General of Canada in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. Mr. Wilson, who is now serving in Copenhagen, Denmark, as Commercial Counsellor, will take up his new duties shortly. The present Consul General in Chicago is Mr. G.A. Newman whose next appointment will be announced by the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

THOMAS GRANT MAJOR

Mr. T. Grant Major was born at Cannington, Ontario in 1898 and graduated from McGill University (MacDonald College) in 1921.

Mr. Major joined the Canadian Government service in 1923 with the Department of Agriculture and transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1935. As a member of the Trade Commissioner Service he served abroad in Port-of-Spain, Dublin and Melbourne.

During World War I he served with the First Canadian Tank Battalion in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Major is married.

CHARLES FREDERICK WILSON

Dr. Charles F. Wilson was born in London, Ontario in 1907. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and Harvard University.

Mr. Wilson joined the Canadian Government service in 1936 as a Grain Statistician in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and, in 1940, was appointed Chief of the Agricultural Service in that Bureau. He transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1944 and joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1952. He served abroad in Rome and Copenhagen.

Mr. Wilson is married and has two children.

JOHN ALEXANDER McCORDICK

John Alexander McCordick was born in Toronto in 1915. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has studied at the Universities of Vienna, Heidelberg and Paris. Mr. McCordick joined the Canadian Army in 1940, served in the United Kingdom and Middle East, and was discharged in 1942. He entered the Department of External Affairs in 1943. He has served in Moscow, Berlin, Prague, Belgrade and Madrid, as well as in Ottawa, and has attended the Imperial Defence College, London. He is married and has two children.

GORDON HAMILTON SOUTHAM

Gordon Hamilton Southam was born in Ottawa in 1916 and received his education at the University of Toronto and Oxford University. Mr. Southam joined the Royal Canadian Artillery in 1940 as a Lieutenant, served in the United Kingdom, Italy, North-western Europe, and was discharged as a Captain in 1945; Mentioned in Despatches. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1948 and served in Stockholm and Ottawa before taking up his appointment as Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Legation in Warsaw. Mr. Southam is married and has four children.