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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE:

MR. CHESTER RONNING, AT PRESENT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY AND MINISTER TO ICELAND, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED MR. ESCOTT REID AS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN INDIA, EFFECTIVE IN MAY. MR. ESCOTT REID'S NEXT APPOINTMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

MR. FREDERICK BULL, DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, TO SUCCEED THE HON. JUSTICE T. C. DAVIS, WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE. MR. DAVIS WAS APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA IN 1942; HE ALSO SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND TO JAPAN. MR. BULL WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW DUTIES DURING THE SUMMER.

MR. D. V. LEPAN, WHO HAS BEEN ON LOAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO FILL THE POSITION OF SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON CANADA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AN ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE WILL ASSUME HIS NEW DUTIES AFTER HAVING COMPLETED HIS ASSIGNMENT WITH THE COMMISSION.

MR. T. L. CARTER, WHO HAS BEEN SERVING WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN OTTAWA AS HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION, HAS BEEN NAMED CANADIAN COMMISSIONER TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION FOR VIETNAM. HE WILL SUCCEED MR. B. M. WILLIAMS. MR. CARTER WILL TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT IN MARCH.

MISS MARGARET MEAGHER HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, TO SUCCEED MR. G. P. KIDD. MISS MEAGHER, WHO UNTIL RECENTLY SERVED AS COUNSELLOR ON THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN LONDON, WILL ASSUME HER DUTIES IN APRIL.

CHESTER ALVIN RONNING

Mr. Ronning was born in China in 1894. He studied at the Universities of Alberta, British Columbia, and Minnesota, and at the North China Language School in Peking. He served with the Royal Flying Corps in the first World War and following the war taught school in Alberta and in China. From 1927 to 1942, Mr. Ronning was Principal of Camrose College at Camrose, Alberta. He served with the RCAF during the second World War. In 1945 Mr. Ronning joined the Department of External Affairs and served in Nanking, China until returning to Ottawa in 1951. In 1954, he was appointed Minister to Norway and Iceland and became Ambassador to Norway when the Mission there was raised to an Embassy. Mr. Ronning is married and has six children.

WILLIAM FREDERICK BULL

Born in Weston, Ontario on December 31, 1903, Mr. Bull received his schooling there and graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He was appointed to the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1929. After serving as Assistant Trade Commissioner in New York and Trade Commissioner in Trinidad, Mr. Bull was appointed Trade Commissioner in New Zealand. He later served as Commercial Attache at Washington and in 1945 returned to Ottawa to become Director of the Export Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce. In 1949 he was appointed Director of the Commodities Branch and the following year became Assistant Deputy Minister in charge of the Commodities and Controls Divisions. Since 1951 Mr. Bull has been Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce. He is married with four children.

THOMAS LEMESURIER CARTER

Mr. Carter was born in Toronto on June 10, 1915. He received his B.A. from Bishop's University and his M.Sc. from the University of London. During the second World War he served with the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom, Sicily and Italy and was awarded the M.C. Mr. Carter joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945 and after serving in Brussels and Rome between 1945 and 1950, was appointed Charge d'Affaires a.i. in Warsaw in 1952. Mr. Carter is married and has one child.

BLANCHE MARGARET MEAGHER

Miss Meagher was born in Halifax on January 27, 1911. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Dalhousie University and taught school in Halifax from 1932 until 1942 when she joined the Department of External Affairs. After serving for a time in Washington in 1944, she was appointed Third Secretary in Mexico City in 1945. After serving at the same Post as Second Secretary she returned to Ottawa in 1949. In 1953, Miss Meagher became First Secretary in London and has served at the same Mission as Counsellor.

DOUGLAS VALENTINE LE PAN

Mr. Le Pan was born in Toronto on May 25, 1914. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Toronto and a B.A. and an M.A. from Oxford. From 1937 to 1941, he instructed at the University of Toronto and at Harvard. During 1942 and 1943, he served as Personal Adviser on Education to the 1st Canadian Army. From 1943 to 1945 he was a Gunner with the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom and Italy. Mr. Le Pan joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945 and served in London until 1948. In 1951, he became Counsellor and later Minister-Counsellor in Washington. For the past year and a half he has been on loan to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects. Mr. Le Pan is married and has two children.

THE HONOURABLE THOMAS CLAYTON DAVIS

Mr. Davis was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in 1889. He is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School. After a number of years of distinguished service with both municipal and provincial governments, Mr. Davis was appointed Justice of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in 1939. In 1940 he was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services. Since 1942 he has served as Canadian Head of Mission in Australia, China and Germany. In 1954 he was appointed Ambassador to Japan.