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The Department of External Affairs announced today the following changes in certain missions in Western Europe.

Dr. Victor Dore, now Ambassador in Belgium, has been appointed to Berne. This post has been vacant since the transfer to London of Mr. L. D. Wilgress slightly over a year ago. Dr. Dore will retain in Berne his personal rank of Ambassador and will remain a member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It is expected that he will be available, from time to time, for attendance at the international meetings and conferences which are being held in Europe.

Lt. Gen. Maurice A. Pope now Head of the Canadian Mission to the Allied High Commission in Bonn and also Head of the Canadian Military Mission in Berlin will be leaving Bonn, and will take over a Canadian diplomatic mission elsewhere in Western Europe.

The Hon. T. C. Davis, formerly Ambassador to China, will replace General Pope.

It is expected that these changes will take place early in June.

Dr. Henry Laureys, now Canadian Minister to Denmark, will return to Canada in September and retire from the service. Dr. Laureys has served in South Africa as High Commissioner, in Peru as Ambassador, a rank he retained on his appointment as Minister to Norway and Denmark in April, 1947, and to Denmark alone in September, 1947.

Dr. P. E. Renaud who has served in Berne for the last three years will return to Ottawa for duty in the Department. Dr. Renaud is one of the Department's senior officers.

Biographical notes are attached.

DORE, DR. VICTOR, C.M.G.

Born in Montreal, July 27, 1880. Educated at Plateau Academy, Montreal; Jacques Cartier Normal School, Montreal; University of Montreal, 1897-1901 (specialized in French Literature and History of Fine Arts), D.S.S. and D.O.S. 1929; LL.D. (honoris causa), McGill University, 1940. From 1900 on, held a series of teaching and administrative positions with the Catholic School Commission of Montreal and the University of Montreal. In 1935 became Chairman of the Administrative Board of the University of Montreal. In 1939 appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec. 1928-37, general chairman of the Catholic School Board and Director General of Catholic Schools in Montreal. Appointed Canadian Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg November 1946. Member of Canadian delegations to a number of international conferences. Chairman, Canadian delegations to the General Conferences of UNESCO in Paris, November-December 1946, and September 1948, and Beirut, November 1948.

POPE, LIEUTENANT GENERAL MAURICE ARTHUR, C.B., M.C.

Born at Riviere du Loup, P.Q., August 29, 1889. Educated at Ottawa Collegiate; McGill University, 1906-11 (Civil Engineering), B.Sc. Commissioned in Royal Canadian Engineers, April 1915. Service in France and Belgium. Awarded Military Cross and Mentioned in Despatches. Commissioned a Lieutenant in the Permanent Force, 1917. Graduated from Staff College at Camberley (England) 1925, and attended Imperial Defence College, London (England), 1936. 1941 appointed Vice Chief of the General Staff with rank of Major General. Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff Mission, Washington, 1942-44. September 1944, appointed Military Staff Officer to the Prime Minister, Military Secretary to the War Committee of the Cabinet, and member of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. In October 1945, named Head of Canadian Military Mission, Berlin. In November 1949, appointed Head of the Canadian Mission in the Federal Republic of Germany.

DAVIS, HON. THOMAS CLAYTON, K.C.

Born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, September 6, 1889. Educated at St. John's College, Winnipeg, and Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto. Called to the Bar of Saskatchewan in 1915. Alderman for City of Prince Albert, 1917-20; Mayor 1921-24. Elected to Saskatchewan Legislature 1925, 1929, 1934, and 1938. Held provincial Cabinet positions as Minister of Municipal Affairs, Provincial Secretary, and Attorney-General. In June 1939, appointed Member of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan. In June 1940, appointed Associate Deputy Minister of the Department of National War Services. Named Canadian High Commissioner to Australia in November 1942. In November 1946, appointed Canadian Ambassador to China. Returned to Ottawa in fall of 1949.

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LAUREYS, DR. HENRY

Born at Lierre, Belgium, October 3, 1882. Educated at University of Louvain, Belgium (Bachelor of Science and Licentiate in Commercial, Consular and Diplomatic Sciences); University of Montreal, Ph.D.; Doctor, honoris causa, of Universities of Louvain and Montreal. Professor and Dean of School of Higher Commercial Studies, Montreal, 1916-40. Founder and Director of Commercial and Industrial Museum of Montreal, and of economic journal, "L'Actualite Economique". Author of several books and articles on economic subjects. Appointed High Commissioner for Canada in the Union of South Africa, February 1940; Canadian Ambassador to Peru, July 1944; Canadian Minister to Norway and Denmark, April 1947. In September 1947, appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Denmark, with residence in Copenhagen, and the personal rank of Ambassador.

RENAUD, DR. PAUL EMILE

Born at Saint Remi de Napierville, P.Q., February 24, 1897. Educated at College of Montreal, (Letters, Sciences) B.L.; Ste. Marie College, Montreal (Philosophy) B.A.; University of Montreal (Licentiate in Social Sciences); McGill University, M.A., B.C.L., LL.M.; University of Paris, LL.D.; University of London, Ph.D. Admitted to the Quebec Bar in 1921. Served on the Staff of the University of Montreal (1928), and the University of Ottawa (1942-45), as professor of diplomatic history and political science. Entered Department of External Affairs in October, 1929. Member of the Permanent Delegation of Canada to the League of Nations at Geneva for nine years. In January 1939, transferred to Canadian Legation at Brussels; recalled to Ottawa after the invasion of Belgium in 1940. In May 1947, posted to Canadian Legation, Berne; in November 1948, also appointed Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations at Geneva.

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