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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, has announced the following appointments, which will take effect during the course of the next few months.

Mr. Yvon Beaulne, 53, of Ottawa, now Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, to be Chief of Protocol in the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.

Mr. Pierre-André Bissonnette, 47, of Montreal, at present Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, to become Deputy High Commissioner in London.

Mr. Ralph Edgar Collins, 57, of Ottawa, now Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. D'Iberville Fortier, 46, of Montreal, now Ambassador to Tunisia, to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Jean-Louis Gagnon, 59, of Montreal, at present Director General of Information Canada, to be Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO in Paris, replacing Mr. René Garneau who is retiring from the Public Service in May.

Mr. James Russell McKinney, 46, of Summer Hill, New Brunswick, now Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, to be Minister of the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Arthur Redpath Menzies, 55, of Ottawa, at present High Commissioner to Australia, to be Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the North Atlantic Council, Brussels.

Mr. Alfred John Pick, 56, of Montreal, at present Ambassador to the Netherlands, to assume the new post of Ambassador and Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States, Washington.

Mr. Saul Forbes Rae, 57, of Portland, Ontario, now Ambassador to Mexico, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Peter Milburn Towe, 49, of London, Ontario, at present Minister at the Canadian Embassy, Washington, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris.

Biographical Notes are attached.

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Further appointments will be announced later.

YVON BEAULNE

Mr. Beaulne was born in Ottawa on February 22, 1919. He studied at the University of Ottawa from which he graduated in 1941.

Mr. Beaulne entered the Department of External Affairs in 1948 and served abroad at a number of posts including Rome, Buenos Aires, Havana and Washington.

In Canada he has worked in European Division and as Head of Latin American Division at External Affairs Headquarters.

Mr. Beaulne took over his present position of Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York in January 1969.

He is married and has five children.

PIERRE-ANDRE BISSONNETTE

Mr. Bissonnette was born in Montreal on December 23, 1924. He received his B.A. degree from Laval University in 1946 and his Licence in Law from the University of Montreal in 1948. He was later admitted to the Bar of Quebec. Mr. Bissonnette did further studies in law and political science in the Netherlands and in Switzerland.

He entered the Department of External Affairs in 1953 and has served in a number of posts abroad including Brussels, Kuala Lumpur and the North Atlantic Council when its headquarters were in Paris.

Mr. Bissonnette was appointed to his present position of Acting Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1968. In this position his area of responsibility is Legal, Constitutional and Public Affairs.

He is married and has three children.

RALPH COLLINS

Mr. Collins was born in Yunnanfu (now Kunming) China in 1914. He studied at the University of Alberta, the Zimmern School of International Studies in Geneva, Harvard University, the University of California and Oxford.

He entered the Department of External Affairs in 1941 and has served in a number of posts abroad, including Chungking (the wartime capital of China), Washington, London and Moscow. From 1965 to 1971 Mr. Collins was in Ottawa as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Collins was appointed to his present position of Ambassador to China in April 1971. He was the first Ambassador to be named there after Canada established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Collins is married and has three children.

D'IBERVILLE FORTIER

Mr. Fortier was born in Montreal in 1926. He received degrees in law and in political science from the University of Montreal and later was awarded a Doctorate in Economics by the University of Paris. He did research from 1949 to 1951 at the London School of Economics.

He entered the Department of External Affairs in 1952 and served abroad in Washington, Indochina and Canada's Delegation to the North Atlantic Council in Paris.

Mr. Fortier has held several positions at departmental headquarters including, most recently, that of Director of the Press Office.

He was posted to Tunis as Ambassador in October, 1969.

Mr. Fortier is married and has one child.

JEAN LOUIS GAGNON

Mr. Gagnon was born in Quebec City on February 21, 1913 and was educated at Collège Ste Marie and Brébeuf College in Montreal, as well as at Laval University and the University of Ottawa.

He has been prominent in journalistic and literary activity. He was, for three years, editor-in-chief of the Montreal newspaper "La Presse", as well as writer and commentator for Montreal radio stations. He was the founder of the literary publication "Les écrits du Canada français" and is a prolific author of books and articles.

More recently Mr. Gagnon was a member of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, of which he became Co-President in 1968.

Mr. Gagnon has held his present post of Director-General of Information Canada since 1970.

Mr. Gagnon is married.

JAMES RUSSELL MCKINNEY

Mr. McKinney was born in Summer Hill, New Brunswick in 1925. He studied at Dalhousie University from which he received a B.Com. degree in 1949.

He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1949 and later served in Belgrade, Djakarta and Copenhagen. He was High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago from 1966 to 1969.

In Canada Mr. McKinney has served for four years with Economic Division as well as with several other Divisions at departmental headquarters.

He took up his present assignment as Permanent Representative to the OECD in Paris in 1969.

Mr. McKinney is married and has three children.

ARTHUR REDPATH MENZIES

Mr. Menzies was born in Honan, China on November 29, 1916. He was educated at the University of Toronto and at Harvard University, from which he received an M.A. degree in 1941.

He entered the Department of External Affairs in 1940. He has served at several posts abroad, including Havana, Tokyo and Kuala Lumpur, as well as in a number of positions with the Department in Ottawa.

Mr. Menzies' most recent post in Ottawa, from 1962 to 1965, was that of Head of Defence Liaison Division whose task is to co-ordinate the foreign policy aspects of defence matters, in collaboration with the National Defence authorities

He has held his present position as Canadian High Commissioner to Australia since 1965.

Mr. Menzies is married and has two children.

ALFRED JOHN PICK

Mr. Pick was born on April 28, 1915 in Montreal. He was educated there and received B.A. and B.C.L. degrees from McGill University. After receiving his law degree he was admitted to the Bar of Quebec.

He joined External Affairs in 1940 and during his 32 years of service with the Department has served in a number of posts both at home and abroad. From 1958 to 1962 he was Ambassador to Peru and to Bolivia. For the four following years he held the position of Head of Latin American Division at External Affairs headquarters. He speaks fluent Spanish.

Mr. Pick has been at his present post in the Netherlands since 1969.

He is married and has three children.

SAUL FORBES RAE

Mr. Saul Rae was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on December 31, 1914. He was educated at the University of Toronto where he received a B.A. in 1936. He later did post graduate work in London and at Oxford as well as at Princeton University from which he received a Doctorate in 1940.

He entered the Department of External Affairs the same year and served in several positions including that of Second Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Paris when it was re-opened in 1944 following the liberation of France. He subsequently served in Indochina, London and Washington, where he was the Minister.

Mr. Rae headed the United Nations Division of External Affairs from 1953-55 and was later Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva from 1962 to 1967.

He has held his present position of Ambassador to Mexico since September 1967.

He is married and has four children.

PETER MILBURN TOWE

Mr. Peter Towe was born in London, Ontario, on November 1, 1922. He was educated at the University of Western Ontario from which he received a B.A. with specialization in economics. After further studies in this field he received an M.A. from Queen's University in 1947.

Mr. Towe joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947 and has served in Washington, Bonn and at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.

For a period of five years, from 1962 to 1967, Mr. Towe was Deputy Director General of the External Aid Office (now called the Canadian International Development Agency).

Since 1967 Mr. Towe has been Minister at the Canadian Embassy, Washington. In this capacity an important responsibility lies in the field of Canadian economic relations with the United States.

Mr. Towe is married and has three children.