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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced the following appointments:

Mr. T.C. Davis, who until recently was Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and Head of the Canadian Military Mission, Berlin, is appointed Canadian Ambassador to Japan. He will take up his new post in September, succeeding Mr. R. W. Mayhew who will be retiring from the diplomatic service.

Mr. George L. Magann is appointed Canadian Minister to Austria. He will act in that capacity jointly with his present duties as Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland. Mr. Magann succeeds the late Dr. Victor Doré, C.M.G., who had retired from his posts in Berne and Vienna in October 1953.

The post of Legal Adviser to the Department has been re-established and Mr. Max H. Wershof is appointed to it, with the rank of Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He has been serving as Acting Assistant Under-Secretary since the beginning of the year.

Mr. Jean Fournier, who is now Counsellor of the Canadian Embassy in Paris, is appointed Canadian Consul General in Boston. He succeeds the late Dr. George S. Patterson, who died on November 8, 1952.

The Honourable THOMAS CLAYTON DAVIS, Q.C., was born at Prince Albert, Sask., on September 6, 1889. He was (4 educated at St. John's College, Winnipeg, and Osgoode Hall Law School. He was an alderman in Prince Albert, 1917-20 and In 1925 he was elected to the Saskatchewan Mayor, 1921-24. Legislature and subsequently served as Attorney General and in other provincial Cabinet posts. In 1937 he was appointed Justice of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan, and resigned in 1940 to become Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services at Ottawa. Mr. Davis has held the following diplomatic appointments: High Commissioner to Australia, 1942-46; Ambassador to China, 1947-49; Head of the Canadian Mission (later Ambassador) in Germany, 1949-54.

The Honourable ROBERT WELLINGTON MAYHEW, P.C., who was born in Cobden, Ont., October 13, 1880, had been active in public life and in business for many years before joining the Department in 1953. He was Member for Victoria in the Federal House of Commons, 1937-52. He was Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, 1945-48 and Minister of Fisheries, 1948-52. He was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Japan in January 1953. Mr. Mayhew headed the Canadian Delegation to the session of the Council of the International Labour Organization, Mysore, 1950, and the Commonwealth Conference on Foreign Affairs which took place in Colombo the same year.

GEORGE LORANGER MAGANN was born in Toronto on May 6, 1892 and was educated at the Royal Military College and the University of Toronto. He served in the Canadian Army, 1914-18 and was wounded and mentioned in despatches. After the war he established the firm of G.L. Magann & Co., and was a director of industrial corporations. Mr. Magann joined the Department in 1941 as special assistant to the Canadian Minister in Washington, and subsequently served in Paris and Ottawa. He was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Greece in August 1949 and Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland in March 1954. Mr. Magann was Canadian representative in the exchange of disabled prisoners of war at Barcelona and Göthenburg, 1944 and at Marseilles, 1945. He has attended a number of international conferences.

MAX HIRSCH WERSHOF was born in Ottawa on October 6, 1909 and graduated from the University of Alberta. He practised law in Edmonton before joining the Department in November 1937. He has served in Washington and London and, while at the latter post, attended the Imperial Defence College. On his return to Ottawa in January 1951 he was appointed head of the Defence Liaison Division and since the beginning of this year has served as Acting Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Wershof has been a member of Canadian delegations to a number of international conferences, including the Commonwealth Conference on Nationality Questions, London, 1947, the International Red Cross Conference, Stockholm, 1948, the Diplomatic Conference for the Establishment of International Conventions for the Protection of War Victims, Geneva, 1949, and Ministerial Meetings of the North Atlantic Council.

JEAN FOURNIER was born in Montreal on July 18, 1914, studied at Laval University and was called to the Quebec Bar in 1939. He served in the Canadian Army from 1939 to 1944 and joined the Department in that year. He was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Argentina in 1945 and returned to Canada in 1947 to attend the National Defence College. Mr. Fournier was on loan to the Privy Council, 1946-50 and to the Prime Minister's Office, 1950. Since February 1951 he has been First Secretary and then Counsellor of the Canadian Embassy in Paris and has attended a number of international conferences.