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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today the appointment of the following senior officers of the Departments of External Affairs, and of Industry, Trade and Commerce. These are:

Mr. Donald M. Cornett, 52, of Kingston, presently Head of the Commonwealth Institutions Division of the Department of External Affairs to become Ambassador to Denmark, replacing Mr. M. H. Wershof.

Mr. Christian Hardy, 48, of Montreal, presently Ambassador in Brazil, to become Canada's first resident Ambassador to Algeria.

Mr. Gerald F. G. Hughes, 52, of Quebec, a senior officer of the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, presently serving as Minister-Counsellor at our Embassy in Rome, to become Ambassador to Turkey. He will replace Mr. Klaus Goldschlag.

Mr. John A. McCordick, 55, of Toronto, presently on special assignment in the Scientific Relations and Environmental Problems Division of the Department of External Affairs, to become Ambassador to Poland, replacing Miss P. A. McDougall.

Mr. David Stansfield, 52, of Ottawa, presently Head of the Co-ordination Division of the Department of External Affairs, to become Ambassador to Cairo, succeeding Mr. Thomas Carter.

Mr. Barry C. Steers, 44, of London, Ontario, presently Director of the Market Development Group of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, to become Ambassador to Brazil, replacing Mr. C. Hardy.

Mr. M. H. Wershof, 61, of Ottawa, presently Ambassador in Denmark, to become Canadian Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Hungary, replacing Mr. T. Wainman-Wood.

Biographical notes are attached.

DONALD MACALISTER CORNETT

Mr. Cornett was born in 1918 in Kingston, Ontario and received a B. A. (Hon.) from Queen's University in 1947. He joined the Canadian Army as a Lieutenant in 1940 and after serving in the United Kingdom and Northwestern Europe, he was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Major. Mr. Cornett joined External Affairs in 1947 and has served abroad in Oslo, Copenhagen, Canberra, Karachi and from 1962 to 1965 as High Commissioner in Ghana. Since January 1965, Mr. Cornett has served as Head of the Disarmament Division, Commonwealth Division and Commonwealth Institutions Division of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Cornett is married to Marjory Lindsay and has three children.

CHRISTIAN HARDY

Mr. Hardy was born in Montreal in 1923 and after studying at the Collège des Jésuites in Quebec he received a B. A. in 1943, a B. Sc. Soc. in 1945 and an M. Sc. (Sociologie) in 1946 from Laval University. He joined External Affairs in 1947 and has served abroad in Chicago, Rio de Janeiro and Paris and as Ambassador to Lebanon, Jordan and Syria from September 1967 to August 1969, and as Ambassador to Brazil since October 1969. In Ottawa Mr. Hardy has served in the Latin American Division and as Head of the Personnel Operations Division of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Hardy is married to Henriette Houle and has three daughters.

GERALD FRANCIS GEORGE HUGHES

Mr. Hughes was born in Sayabec, Quebec in 1919 and received a B. Sc. (Electrical Engineering) from the University of New Brunswick in 1940. He joined the Navy in 1941 as a Sub-lieutenant and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander. Mr. Hughes joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945 and has served in Glasgow, Ankara, Istanbul, Beirut, Stockholm and Rome. In Ottawa he has served as Assistant Director (Personnel) and later as Acting Director of the Trade Commissioner Service and as Director of the Industrial Promotion Branch of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He is at present Minister-Counsellor at our Embassy in Rome.

Mr. Hughes is married to Mary Jane Wade and has three sons.

JOHN ALEXANDER MCCORDICK

Mr. McCordick was born in Toronto in 1915 and received a B. A. from the University of Toronto in 1938. He studied German at the University of Heidelberg between 1936 and 1937. He attended the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques and Ecole Nationale des Langues Orientales Vivantes of the Université de Paris (1938-39) and took a course in Russian in Tallinn, Estonia in the summer of 1939. Mr. McCordick joined the Canadian Army as a Lieutenant in 1940 and took a special course for Russian-speaking officers at Cambridge University in 1941. He served in the United Kingdom and the Middle East and was discharged in 1942. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1943 and has served in Kuibyshev (U.S.S.R.), Moscow, San Francisco, Berlin, Prague, Belgrade, London (Imperial Defence College), Madrid and as Ambassador to Czechoslovakia from October 1962 to July 1964 and Ambassador to Austria and concurrently Governor for Canada of the International Atomic Energy Agency from July 1966 to January 1970. From February to April 1960 he was an adviser to the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. In Ottawa, Mr. McCordick has served in the European Division, in the Defence Liaison (1) Division, and as Chief of Protocol and Head of both United Nations and Information Divisions, of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. McCordick is married to Clair Perley-Robertson and has three children.

DAVID STANSFIELD

Mr. Stansfield was born in Ottawa in 1919 and received a B. A. from the University of Alberta in 1939. He joined the Navy in 1941 and after serving in the North Atlantic, he was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant in 1946. Mr. Stansfield worked as a reporter for the "Calgary Herald" in 1940-41 and after the war returned to the editorial staff of that paper between 1946 and 1947. He joined External Affairs in 1947 and has served abroad in Moscow, Belgrade, Athens, Canberra, and from 1965 to 1967 he was Deputy Head of the Military Mission in Berlin. In Ottawa, Mr. Stansfield has served in the Legal, American, Far Eastern, United Nations, European, Commonwealth and African and Middle Eastern Divisions, and since January 1969 he has been Head of the Federal-Provincial Co-ordination Division of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Stansfield is married to Bernice Dean and has two children.

BARRY CONNELL STEERS

Mr. Steers was born in London, Ontario in 1927 and received a B. A. (Hon.) from the University of Western Ontario in 1951. From 1951 to 1955 he worked as an administrative officer in the National Research Council's Communications Branch and from 1955 to 1957 as an import-export agent in Colombia. He joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1957 and has served abroad in Singapore, Athens, Tel Aviv and New York. In Ottawa he has served as Director of the International Financing Branch of the Office of General Relations and most recently as Director of the Market Development Group in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Steers is married to Marta Molina-Velez and has three children.

MAX HIRSCH WERSHOF

Mr. Wershof was born in Ottawa in 1909 and received a B. A., LL. B. and an Hon. LL. D. from the University of Alberta in 1928, 1930 and 1958 respectively. Mr. Wershof was called to the Alberta Bar in 1932 and practised law from 1932 to 1936. He was appointed a Q. C. in 1955. He joined External Affairs in 1937 and served abroad in Washington and London before being appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva in 1956. From 1957 he was concurrently a member of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna until he returned to Ottawa in 1962. In 1967 Mr. Wershof was appointed Ambassador to Denmark. In Ottawa he served in the Defence Liaison (1) Division and twice as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Departmental Legal Adviser (1954-56 and 1964-67).

Mr. Wershof is married to Miriam Caplan and has one child.