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The Departments of External Affairs and Trade and Commerce announced today that Mr. B.C. Butler, who has been Director of the Information Division, Department of Trade and Commerce, since 1945, has been appointed Canadian Consul and Trade Commissioner at Detroit. He will assume his new duties in Detroit at the end of November. Mr. Butler is succeeding Mr. J.J. Hurley, who has been Consul at Detroit since the office was opened in 1948 and who is returning to Ottawa for duties with the Department of External Affairs.

The appointment of a senior trade department official to Detroit is an indication of the growing importance of the trade work of this office.

B.C. BUTLER

Born and educated in Hamilton, Ontario, and an arts and commerce graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, Mr. Butler, who is now 46, joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1929 after several years of business experience, including the commercial department of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada. He served as a trade commissioner in Batavia, Java; Singapore and Los Angeles, and as Consul and Trade Commissioner at New York. During the war years he was posted from Los Angeles to Ottawa as Director of the Export Section of the Shipping Priorities Committee, and later was sent to the New York post. He was recalled to Ottawa from New York in 1945 to assume his present position as Director of the Information Division. In this position Mr. Butler has been actively associated with the promotional activities of the whole department, including work in connection with the organization and operation of the Canadian International Trade Fair. Mr. Butler is married and has a son and daughter.
