

## CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (FIFTEENTH SESSION)

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Composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, today announced the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Delegation is as follows:

#### Representatives:

The Hon. Howard Green, Q.C., - Secretary of State for External Affairs, Chairman of the Delegation

Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, Q.C., - Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Vice-Chairman of the Delegation

Mr. C.S.A. Ritchie - Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Professor A. Anstensen - University of Saskatchewan

Mr. Martial Asselin, M.P. - Member of Parliament for Charlevoix

#### Alternate Representatives:

Senator F.M. Blois

Mr. Arthur Smith, M.P. - Member of Parliament for Calgary

Mrs. H.H. Steen - Vice-President of the National Council of Women

Mr. Arthur Irwin - Ambassador of Canada to Mexico

Lt.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns - Canadian Government Adviser

on Disarmament

Brief biographical sketches of these Delegates are attached.

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In addition the following parliamentary observers will accompany the delegation.

From the Progressive Conservative Party:

Mr. Chester MacRae Mr. Fred Stinson

To be succeeded by:

Dr. Joseph Slogan Mr. Emilien Morissette

From the Liberal Party:

Senator W.D. Euler Mr. J.P. Racine

From the C.C.F. Party:

Mr. Harold Winch

To be succeeded by:

Mr. Erhart Regier

The Liberal observers from the Senate for the second and third months and from the House of Commons for the second half of the Session will be named later.

The names of advisers to be attached to the delegation will be announced later.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

## THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Honourable Howard Green, Q.C., P.C., M.P., was born in Kaslo, British Columbia, in November 1895. He attended primary and secondary schools in Kaslo and graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915.

Mr. Green served overseas with the Canadian Army in the First World War, was mentioned in despatches and returned to Canada with the rank of Captain. He resumed his studies and graduated in law from Osgoode Hall, Toronto. In 1922 he was called to the Bar of British Columbia, and has practised law in Vancouver, B.C., ever since.

Mr. Green has been a Member of Parliament continuously for the past twenty-four years. He was first elected to represent Vancouver South in 1935 and he was re-elected in 1940 and 1945. Between the Federal elections of 1945 and 1949, a redistribution of electroal districts resulted in an increase in the number of Vancouver seats. The bulk of the Vancouver South constituency became Vancouver Quadre, where Mr. Green was the successful candidate in 1949 and in each subsequent election.

Mr. Green was sworn into the Privy Council and appointed Minister of Public Works and Acting Minister of Defence Production in June 1957, holding the latter post until May 1958. For the last three sessions he has been House Leader for the Government. Mr. Green was sworn in as Secretary of State for External Affairs on June 4, 1959.

Mr. Green was married in 1923 and widowed in 1953. He has two sons, Lewis Howard, a geological engineer, and John Willson, the publisher of a weekly newspaper in British Columbia.

Mr. Green married Miss Donna Kerr of Vancouver in 1956. He is a member of the United Church of Canada.

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#### NESBITT, WALLACE BICKFORD, Q.C.

Born August 7, 1918 at Woodstock, Ontario. Son of Montalieu Nesbitt and Ruth Quarry, Grand nephew of the late the Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.M.G. Educated at Woodstock Collegiate, University of Western Ontario and Osgoode Hall Law School. Degree: Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Political Science, Barrister. Royal Canadian Navy, 1941-1945; Presently on retired list as Lieutenant Commander. Member of Toronto Club, Albany Club, Canadian Legion, A.F.& A.M. Lions Club. Appointed Q.C., January 1, 1955. Religion: Curch of England. First elected to House of Commons as Progressive Conservative Member of Oxford at general election, 1953. Re-elected at general election, 1957 and March 31, 1958. Appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Prime Minister, August 19, 1957; Appointed Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations, September 11, 1957. Appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, January 22, 1958. Appointed Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the Economic and Social Council of the U.N. at Geneva July 2, 1958. Appointed Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of External Affairs, September 1, 1959. Mr. Nesbitt's considerable experience in United Nations affairs and his valuable knowledge of foreign affairs will qualify him for his position as Vice-Chairman of the Delegation.

#### CHARLES STEWART ALMON RITCHIE

Mr. Ritchie was born in Halifax on September 23, 1906. He studied at King's College, Dalhousie University, and at Oxford University from which he received the degrees of B.A. and M.A. He also received an M.A. from Harvard University and attended the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politques in Paris.

Mr. Ritchie is one of the most experienced officers of the Department of External Affairs and has held a variety of important appointments at home and abroad. He joint the Department in 1934 and served in Washington, 1936-1939, London 1939-45 and Paris, 1947-50. He became an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1950. and Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1952. Mr. Ritchie was appointed Ambassdor to the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn, and Head of the Military Mission, Berlin, in 1954. In 1957 he was appointed Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, New York. Mr. Ritchie is married to the former Sylvia Smellie of Ottawa.

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## PROFESSOR ANSTEN ANSTENSEN

Born in Norway, Primary and secondary school in Norway. Apprenticeship at sea for Norwegian Naval Academy, 1916-19. St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., USA 1921-25 B.A. "Summa cum Laude" 1925. Fellowship, Institute of International Education, to University of Breslau, Germany 1925-26. (Language, literature, history, philosphy, art) Columbia University, New York 1926-30 (language and literature, Department of Germanic languages) - M.A. 1928 Ph.D. 1935. Author: The Proverb in Ibsen, New York: Columbia Univ. Fress 1936. Lecturer in German, Columbia Univ. 1926-30. Professor and Head of Dept. of Germanic Languages, Univ. of Saskatchewan 1930. 1942-45 served with RCNVR. 1945-46 Served with British element of the Control Commission for Germany, as Deputy Controller General of Education in the British Zone of Occupation in Germany. Quadrupartite Conferences, Kommandature, Berlin and in the Zones. Main responsibility the universities in the British Zone. Resumed duty at the Univ. of Saskatchewan in Sept. 1946. Decorations: MBE, CD, Norwegian Freedom Medal. Consul of Norway for the Province of Saskatchewan. Admin. Officer, First Canadian Summer Seminar abroad, under auspices of International Student Service (now World Univ. Service), PLON, Germany 1948. Adviser to foreign students, Univ. of Sask. Canadian Delegation Atlantic Congress, London Canadian Delegation Atlantic Congress, London, June, 1959.
Past President Saskatoon Branch UN Association.
Past President Saskatoon Mens Branch CIIA. Professor Anstensen is married.

#### MARTIAL ASSELIN, M.P.

Born 1924 at La Malbaie, P.Q.
Educated at Ecole Superieure de la Malbaie, P.Q.
Seminaire de Chicoutimi, Universite Laval, Quebec B.A.
ELLL. Lawyer.
Attorney for the Quebec Hydro Electric Commission.
Ma yor of La Malbaie.
Elected Member of Parliament for Charlevoix in March 1958.
Member, Chamber of Commerce.
Societe des Concerts de la Malbaie
Mr. Asselin is married and has two children.

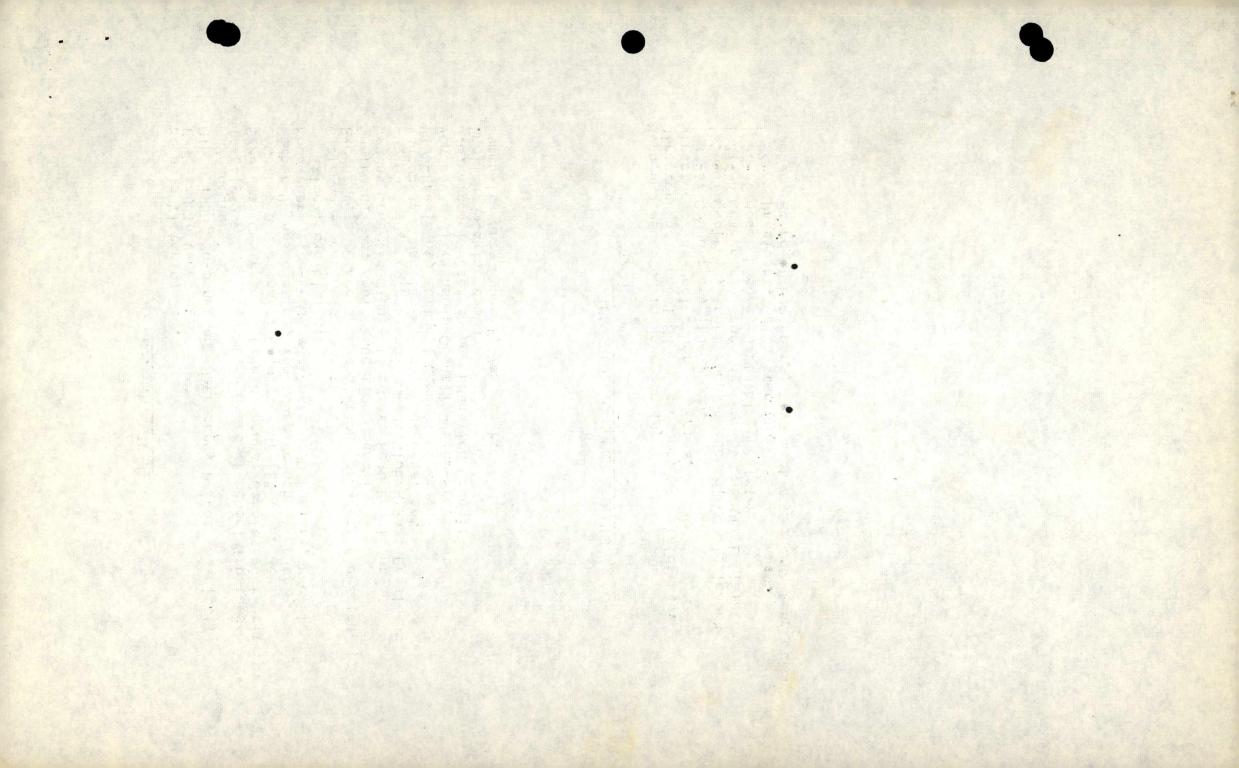
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## MRS. H.H. STEEN

Born in Victoria, B.C. Educated in Vancouver Since 1950, Co-owner and Secretary, Private Hospital, Vancouver 1946-1952 Member, Vancouver Board of School Trustees Served as Chairman of Ethnic Groups, Committee of British Columbia Centennial Committee of 1958. Member UN Association, Vancouver Branch Four years Vice-President Board of Directors, Pacific Vational Exhibition. Chairman - Home Arts Committee. Executive of Canadian Association for Adult Education Chairman, B.C. Adult Education Council Womens Canadian Club - Immediate Past President Business and Professional Womens Club - Past President Vancouver Council of Women, Past President Vice-President, National Council of Women Vancouver Citizenship Council - Vice-President B.C. Alcohol Research and Education Council English Speaking Union Community Arts Council, Vancouver.

## SENATOR FREDERICK MURRAY BLOIS

Born and educated in Nova Scotia.
Director and General Superintendent, Stanfields Ltd.
Director of several other companies.
1930-37 Councillor, Truro, N.S.
1936-37 Chairman, Truro Board of School Commissioners
1937-45 Member for Truro of the Nova Scotia Legislature
1939-45 House Leader, official opposition
1942 President, Colchester Co. Hospital Trust.
Member, Board of Governors, Nova Scotia Research Foundation



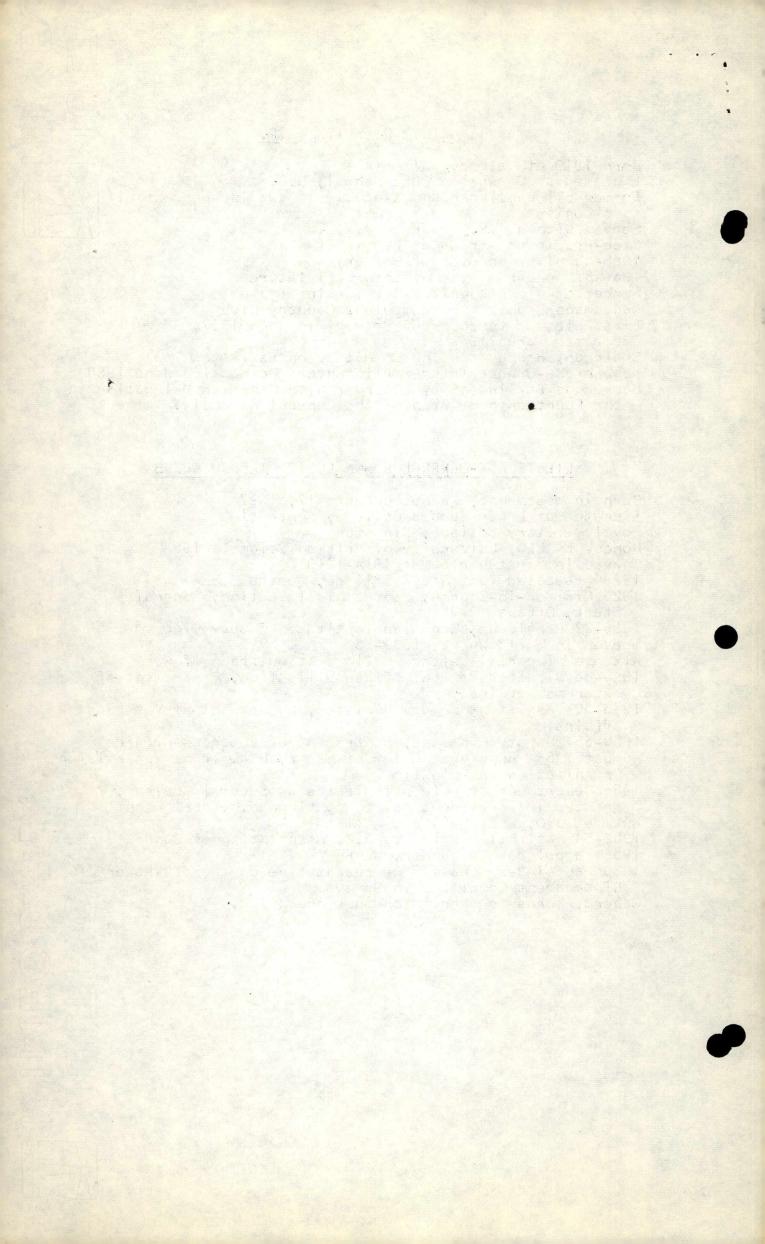
## ARTHUR R. SMITH, M.P.

Born 1919 at Calgary, Alberta
Educated at Shawnigan Lake School, B.C.
Former oil publisher and executive to two independent oil companies
Served with R.A.F., awarded J.F.C.
Vice-President Air Cadet League of CEA
1953-55 Alderman City of Calgary
1954-57 Member of the Alberta Legislature
Member of Alberta United Service Institute
Ranchmans Club, Petroleum Club, Country Club
First elected to House of Commons in June 1957.
Reelected March 1953
Chairman, House Standing Committee on Estimates
Member USA-Canada Inter Parliamentary Delegation June 1959
Served as Parliamentary Observer with Canadian Delegation to the Fourtmenth Session of the General Assembly.

## LIEUTENANT-GENERAL EDSON LOUIS MILLARD BURNS DE DES

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Born in Westmount, Quebec on June 17, 1897 Educated at Lower Canada College, Montreal Royal Military College, Kingston Honourary LLD, University of British Columbia 1958 Served in First World War 1914-1919 1929 graduated from Staff College, Quetta School 1929 Officer-In-Charge, Geographical Section, General Staff, Ottawa 1936-37 President, Canadian Institute of Surveying Served in World War 2, 1939-45 Attended Imperial Defence College at outbreak of war 1945-46 Director General of Rehabilitation, Department of Veterans Affairs . 1946-50 Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Veterans Affairs 1950-55 Deputy Minister, Department of Veterans Affairs August 1954 Appointed Chief of Staff, U.N. Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine 1955 Department of External Affairs as Special Adviser, granted leave without pay to continue U.N. assignment Awarded DSO, OBE(1935) and MC(1916) 1952-54 National President, U.N. Association of Canada 1956 appointed Commander, UNE F 1959 appointed Canadian Representative on the Ten-Power Disarmament Committee in Geneva General Burns is married and has one child.



## IRWIN, WILLIAM ARTHUR

Born at Ayr, Ontario on May 27, 1898. B.A.

(Univ. of Toronto, 1921). Served in France with 10th
Battery, CEF., 1917-1919. Reporter, Toronto Mall and
Empire"; Reporter, Parliamentary Correspondent and EditorWriter, Toronto Globe", 1923-25; Asst. Editor Maclean's"
magazine, 1925-42; Managing Editor, 1943-45.Editor 1945-50 Commissioner
and Chairman, National Film Board, 1950-53. Former Chairman, Toronto Branch, Canadian Institute of International
Affairs. Former Nember National Executive and Research
Committee, Canadian Institute of International Affairs.
Former President, Toronto Writers Club; Author of The Wheat
Pool"; Editor, "Canadian Writer's Market Survey"; 1931;
Contributor of numerous articles to periodicals, and
transportation briefs to Duff Railway Commission, 1932, and
Royal Commission on Transportation in Untario, 1937.
Co-author of The Machine', an ice ballet, 1939. Appointed
High Commissioner for Canada in Australia, June 1953 to
September 1956 and Ambassador to Brazil January 1957 to
August 1959. Now serving as Canadian Ambassador to Mexico.
Married (Patricia K. Page). Three children.

