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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced the retirement later this year of the Honourable Ray Lawson, O.B.E., Consul General of Canada in New York, and the following transfers within the Canadian Diplomatic Service.

Mr. H.G. Norman, C.M.G., Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela, will succeed Mr. Lawson as Consul General in New York in December. An announcement will be made later regarding Mr. Norman's successor.

Mr. J.A. Chapdelaine, an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, will succeed Mr. W.D. Matthews as Canadian Minister to Sweden and Finland. He is expected to take up his new duties towards the end of the year. Mr. Matthews' appointment as an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs was announced on June 1, 1955.

THE HONOURABLE RAY LAWSON

Mr. Lawson was born in 1886 at London, Ontario, where he received his education. He was Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from December 1946 to February 1952 and in February 1953 was appointed Canadian Consul General in New York.

Mr. Lawson is prominent in business circles and is Chairman of the Board of Lawson and Jones Ltd., and the Willson Stationery Co. He is President of the Canadian Sales Book Co. Ltd., Granger-Taylor Ltd., Lawson Lithographing and Folding Box Co. Ltd., Mortimer Ltd., Royal Printing and Lithographing Ltd. Mr. Lawson is Vice-President of the Canada Trust Co. and Canadian General Investments Ltd. He is a Director of the Great Lakes Paper Co., Huron and Erie Loan Co., the Royal Bank of Canada, the Toronto General Insurance Co. Ltd., and the Byron Sanitorium. He is also Governor of the Surf Club, Miami, Florida.

Mr Lawson has received Honorary Degrees from a number of universities in Canada as well as from the University of Miami and was made a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in 1943. He was also awarded the OBE in 1943.

Mr. Lawson is married and has five children.

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HENRY GORDON NORMAN

Mr. Norman was born in London, England, in 1890 and graduated from the University of Alberta as a Chartered Accountant in 1914. During World War I he served overseas with the Canadian Army and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant. During World War II he acted as Financial Adviser to the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. He was instrumental in creating the RCAF Benevolent Fund in 1943 and collaborated with the founders of The Air Cadet League in integrating it with the RCAF. For his services during the war Mr. Norman was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1944 and he received the Haakon VII Freedom Medal from the King of Norway in 1948.

From 1932 to 1953 Mr. Norman was a senior partner of Price Waterhouse and Company. For several years he served on the Council of the Society of Chartered Accountants of the Province of Quebec and was elected President in 1944. He was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants from 1933 to 1941 and served as President of that Association in 1943. He was one of the first Governors of the Canadian Tax Foundation which was created in 1945 and was active in the affairs of the Welfare Federation of Montreal. He is the author of several papers on accounting and taxation.

In December 1952 Mr. Norman was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela. He is married and has three children.

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JEAN CHAPDELAIN

Mr. Chapdelaine was born in Montreal in 1914 and is a graduate of Ste. Marie College, Montreal, and of Oxford University which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. In 1937 he joined the Department of External Affairs as a Third Secretary and has served abroad in Canadian diplomatic missions at Washington (1940-1943), Paris (1946-1949) and Bonn (1950-1953). For six months in 1950 he was Acting High Commissioner to Ireland. On his return from Bonn, Mr. Chapdelaine served as Head of the European Division until his appointment as an Assistant Under-Secretary in January 1954. He has attended a number of international conferences. Mr. Chapdelaine is married and has three children.

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