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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, has announced the following appointments, which will take effect during the course of the next few months.

Mr. Henri Gaudefroy, 63, now Director-General, Special Advisers Division, Canadian International Development Agency, to be Ambassador to Tunisia. He succeeds Mr. D'Iberville Fortier, whose appointment as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs was announced earlier.

Mr. Gilles Mathieu, 40, at present Director, Western European Division, Department of External Affairs, as Ambassador to Ivory Coast, also accredited to Liberia and Niger, replacing Mr. Georges Charpentier, who will return to Canada.

Mr. Clarence Joseph Van Tighem, 51, now Minister, Canadian High Commission, London, to be Ambassador to Venezuela with concurrent accreditation to the Dominican Republic, replacing Mr. Donald Sutherland McPhail, who is returning to Ottawa.

Mr. Wilfred Kenneth Wardroper, 50, now Director-General, Bureau of Economic and Scientific Affairs, Department of External Affairs, to be High Commissioner to Nigeria and concurrently accredited to Sierra Leone, succeeding Mr. A.S. McGill, who is returning to Ottawa.

HENRI GAUDEFROY

Mr. Gaudefroy was born in Montreal on June 18, 1909. He received a B.A.Sc. in civil engineering in 1933 from l'Ecole Polytechnique and a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1934 from M.I.T. He has also received honorary doctorates from Laval University, the University of Sherbrooke, the University of Western Ontario, and the University of Toronto.

Mr. Gaudefroy began his career in 1935 as an engineer with Bell Telephone. In 1939 he entered the field of engineering education on the faculty of l'Ecole Polytechnique, where he was assistant to the dean and registrar in 1945, Chairman of the Mathematics Department from 1946 to 1951, and from 1953 to 1966, Dean of Engineering. In 1966 he accepted his present position as Director-General, Special Advisers Division, Canadian International Development Agency. While there, he was a member of the three-man Chevrier Mission to Africa in 1968, which was instrumental in the development of Canadian policy toward francophone Africa.

Mr. Gaudefroy has been active in professional associations in the field of engineering and has been a member of the National Research Council and the Atomic Energy Control Board. He was awarded the Coronation Medal in 1952. He is married and has one son.

GILLES MATHIEU

Mr. Mathieu was born in Montreal on November 1, 1932. He received a B.A. from College Sainte-Croix and an M.A. (Econ.) from the University of Montreal in 1956. He joined the Department of External Affairs that year and served in several divisions at departmental headquarters (including Far Eastern, Middle Eastern and Information Division) before being posted abroad to New York (United Nations), Accra, and Paris. He returned to Ottawa in 1969 to become Director, Western European Division.

Mr. Mathieu is married and has four children.

CLARENCE JOSEPH VAN TICHEM

Mr. Van Tighem was born in Strathmore, Alberta on March 12, 1921. After receiving a B. Com. from the University of Manitoba, he served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Van Tighem joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1945. He had continuous assignments in Latin America for fifteen years, serving as Commercial Secretary in posts in Peru, Brazil, and Mexico, before returning to Ottawa in 1959 as Director, Trade Publicity Division, Department of Trade and Commerce. Since 1962 he has served in Vienna, New York, and in 1969 was named Minister (Commercial) at the Canadian High Commission, London.

Mr. Van Tighem is married and has three children.

WILFRED KENNETH WARDROPER

Mr. Wardroper was born in Duncan, British Columbia on January 12, 1922. He studied at the University of British Columbia and received a B.Comm. in 1947. During the war he served with the infantry in the Canadian Army in Europe and was discharged in 1945 as a Lieutenant.

Mr. Wardroper joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947. After several assignments at departmental headquarters he was named Consul in Los Angeles in 1953. He later served abroad in Helsinki and, in 1969, Acting High Commissioner to Pakistan. In addition to regular departmental assignments, Mr. Wardroper spent 1959 on loan to the Foreign Ministry in Ghana, and from 1966 to 1969 he was Director, Asian Development Bank in Manila. In 1970 he established the Scientific Relations and Environmental Problems Division in the department and in 1971 became Director-General of the newly created Bureau of Economic and Scientific Affairs. He recently headed Canada's negotiating team in talks leading to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement with the United States.

Mr. Wardroper is married and has two sons.