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The Department of External Affairs announced today the following appointments and transfers:

Mr. D. M. Johnson, now head of the American and Far Eastern Division, is being posted to Dublin as Acting High Commissioner in the absence of the Honourable W. F. <sup>A.</sup> ~~M.~~ Turgeon who was recently appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission on National Transportation.

Mr. A. F. W. Plumptre will join the Department on January 17. He will be Head of the Economic Division. This post has been vacant since October, when Mr. H. O. Moran was appointed Special Assistant to the Acting Under-Secretary.

Mr. Leon Mayrand who is now Head of the European Division will become the Head of the American and Far Eastern Division. He will be replaced as Head of the European Division by Mr. T. W. L. MacDermot, the Head of the Personnel Division.

Mr. M. Cadieux, of the Personnel Division, has been appointed Acting Head of the Personnel Division.

Brief biographies are attached.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Born at Lachine, Quebec. Graduated from McGill and Oxford (B.A., with honours in jurisprudence, and B.C.L.). He was with a legal firm in Montreal, then joined the Department of Finance as Solicitor to the Treasury. In 1941 he was seconded to the Department of External Affairs and served in the Office of the High Commissioner in London. In 1943, he joined the Canadian Army and served overseas. On demobilization, he returned to the Department of Finance and joined the Department of External Affairs in January, 1947. In his latest appointment he was head of the American and Far Eastern division.

A. F. W. PLUMPTRE

Born in Montreal, 1907. Graduate of University of Toronto (B.A.) and Cambridge, England (M.A.). On economic staff of University of Toronto, 1930-41. Representative of Wartime Prices and Trade Board and Financial Attache to the Canadian Embassy, Washington, 1942-45. Secretary, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, 1945-47. Associate Editor, Saturday Night, Toronto, 1947-49.

HERBERT OWEN MORAN

Born at Peterborough, Ontario, 1908. Graduated from University of Toronto and studied at Osgoode Hall. Called to the Ontario Bar in 1935, and practised in Toronto. Served overseas for five and a half years. In 1945 he became Officer I/C, Canadian Section Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine. Retired from the Army with the rank of Colonel. He then joined the Department and became Head of the Economic Division. At present he is serving as Special Assistant to the Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

LEON MAYRAND

Born in Montreal 1905. Admitted to Quebec Bar, 1929. Diploma from l'Ecole des Sciences Politiques, Paris, 1931. Doctorate of Laws, University of Montreal, 1933. On staff of "LA PATRIE", 1933-34. Joined the Department in 1934, and has served at London, Rio de Janeiro, and Moscow, and in his latest appointment was head of the European division.

T. W. L. MACDERMOT

Born in Jamaica, B.W.I., 1896. Graduated from McGill in 1917, served overseas, and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Joined staff of McGill, 1923, and later was Assistant Professor, Department of History. National

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Secretary of the League of Nations Society for Canada, 1934. Principal of Upper Canada College, Toronto, 1935. Commissioned in Canadian Army, 1942, later became Director of the Civil Administration Course at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario. Joined the Department, October, 1944, as Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary, and in his latest appointment was head of the Personnel division.

MARCEL CADIEUX

Born in Montreal in 1915. Educated University of Montreal (B.A. and LL.L.), and post-graduate work at McGill. Joined the Department 1941, and served at Ottawa, London, Brussels, and again at Ottawa. In 1947 he became Executive Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and in 1948 was transferred to the Personnel division. He is Secretary of the Personnel and Planning Board.

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