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The Department of External Affairs announced today the transfer of C. Fraser Elliott, C.M.G., K.C., to be High Commissioner for Canada in Australia in succession to Major-General L.R. Lafleche, who returned to Canada on sick leave some months ago.

Leon Mayrand, now Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, will succeed Mr. Elliott as Canadian Ambassador to Chile.

COLIN FRASER ELLIOTT

Mr. Elliott was born on October 7, 1888, in Winnipeg. He received his education at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1915 and to the Bar of Quebec in 1928.

On returning to Canada in 1919 after two years' service overseas in the Canadian Army (Lieutenant), he was successively Solicitor, Counsel, Assistant Commissioner, Commissioner, and later Deputy Minister of Income Tax. During the Second World War he was also Salaries Controller, administering the Wartime Salaries Order.

Mr. Elliott was a member of the Fiscal Commission of the League of Nations at sessions in Geneva, Mexico and London. He also negotiated tax conventions with the United Kingdom, United States and France.

In November, 1946, he was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Chile. Mr. Elliott served as an alternate delegate on the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1950.

In 1929 Mr. Elliott was made a King's Counsel and in the King's Honours List of January 1, 1944, was awarded the C.M.G.

He is married and has one son and one daughter.

LEON MAYRAND

Mr. Mayrand was born November 1, 1905, in Montreal.

In 1929, having graduated in law and social, economic and political sciences at the University of Montreal, he was admitted to the Quebec Bar. He then studied, under a scholarship, at l'ecole Libre des

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Sciences Politiques, University of Paris, and at the London School of Economics. In 1933 he was awarded the Prix David by the Province of Quebec and a Doctorate of Laws by the University of Montreal.

He was a member of the editorial staff of La Patrie, Montreal, 1933-34. From 1935 to 1938, he taught public international law at the University of Ottawa and founded the School of Political Science at the same university in 1936.

Mr. Mayrand joined the Department of External Affairs in 1934. He served in Ottawa until 1939, then in London, Rio de Janeiro and Moscow, and returned to Ottawa in 1946. He was Canadian alternate delegate on the United Nations Special Commission on Palestine in 1947, and an alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 1949 and 1950. He served as head of the European Division, and of the American and Far Eastern Division, and on April 1, 1949, he was promoted to the rank of Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Mayrand is married and has two sons and one daughter.
