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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced two transfers, that of Mr. W.D. Matthews, Canadian Minister in Washington, to be Minister to Sweden and Finland, and that of Mr. T.A. Stone, Canadian Minister to Sweden and Finland to be Ambassador to the Netherlands. The former Canadian Ambassador to the Netherlands, Mr. Pierre Dupuy, was transferred as Ambassador to Italy on May 1.

MATTHEWS, WILMOT DONALD

Mr. Matthews was born in Toronto on July 2, 1906. He attended the Royal Military College in Kingston 1923-1924 and then the University of Toronto 1925-1929 where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He attended Osgoode Hall Law School 1930-1933.

Mr. Matthews practised law in Toronto between 1933 and 1937 and was a partner of Wills, Bickle and Cayley (Stock-brokers) in Toronto 1937-1939. Between 1939 and 1943 he was Supervisor of the Foreign Exchange Control Board in Ottawa.

Mr. Matthews joined the Department of External Affairs as Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1943. He became Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1947 and was appointed Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington in 1949 where he has been serving ever since.

Mr. Matthews is married and has five children.

STONE, THOMAS ARCHIBALD

Mr. Stone was born in Chatham, Ontario, on December 12, 1900. He graduated from the University of Toronto with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1924 and attended the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques, University of Paris, 1924-1926.

Mr. Stone joined the Department of External Affairs as a Third Secretary in Washington in 1927. He then served in Paris from 1932 to 1934 and in Ottawa from 1934 to 1935. He resigned in 1935 and rejoined the Department as a Second Secretary in Paris in 1939 where he remained until 1940. He successively served in Tokyo, 1940-1942, in Ottawa 1942-1944 and in London in 1944. He was appointed Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the Canadian Legation to the Allied Governments in London 1944 to 1945. Appointed to the Canadian Embassy in Washington, 1945, he became Minister in 1946 and remained at that post until 1949. Mr. Stone was then appointed Canadian Minister to Sweden in 1949 and he has served in Stockholm ever since. He was also appointed Canadian Minister to Finland in 1949 holding that post concurrently with that of Minister to Sweden.

Mr. Stone has attended several international conferences including the Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1932; the Reparations Conference in Lausanne in 1932; the International Conference on Weights and Measures in Paris in 1933; the Trade Treaty Negotiations in Paris in 1934; the International Telecommunications Conference, Atlantic City, 1947; the High Frequency Broadcasting Conference, Mexico City in 1948; the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris in 1951.

Mr. Stone is married and has one child.
