



CANADA

C
o
m
m
u
n
i
q
u
é

No. 71

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AUGUST 25, 1975.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
AFFAIRES EXTERIEURES
OTTAWA

AUG 29 1975

LIBRARY / BIBLIOTHÈQUE
REFERENCE

APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announces the following appointments which will take effect over the course of the summer.

Mr. Robert Key Thomson, 57, originally from Aldergrove, British Columbia, to be High Commissioner to Singapore.

Mr. Thomson (B. Comm., McGill) has served abroad with the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service in Bombay (1948-50), Singapore (1950-51), Karachi (1953-57), Vienna (1957-62), Hong Kong (1962-66) and, since 1970, as Consul General and Senior Trade Commissioner in Milan. Mr. Thomson, a former General Director of the Trade Commissioner Service (1968-69), will be the first Canadian High Commissioner to Singapore.

Mr. James Edward Hyndman, 50, originally from Nantes (France) to be Ambassador to Cuba with concurrent accreditation to Haiti.

Mr. Hyndman (B.A. McGill; Diploma, Institut d'Etudes politiques, Paris) has served abroad in Vienna (1954-56), Paris (NATO 1956-58) and Bonn (1961-65). Since 1973 he has been Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

Mr. Hyndman replaces Mr. Malcolm Bow who returns to Canada to take up a position at External Affairs headquarters.

Mr. Robert W. McLaren, 48, originally of Windsor, Ontario, to be High Commissioner to Tanzania, with concurrent accreditation to Mauritius and the Somali Democratic Republic.

Mr. McLaren (B.A., University of Western Ontario; Graduate Studies in Economics, St. John's College, Cambridge) was employed for some years with the National Research Council and the Ministry of Transport, before joining the Canadian International Development Agency in 1965 as Senior Planner for the South and Southeast Asia Bilateral Assistance Programmes. In 1968, he became acting Director of the Advisers Division; in 1969, Director of the Education Division; and, in 1970, Director of the Operations Branch in the Asia Division. He has been Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh since 1973.

Mr. McLaren replaces Mr. James R. Barker whose appointment as Chief of Protocol in the Department of External Affairs was announced earlier.

Mr. Willard George Pybus, 53, originally of Kitscoty, Alberta, to be Consul General in Sydney, Australia.

Mr. Pybus (B.A., M.A., University of Alberta) has served abroad with the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service in The Hague (1950-54), London (1954-56), Tokyo (1956-59) and in Washington (1968-73). Since 1973 Mr. Pybus has been Minister Counsellor (Economic) in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

Mr. Pybus replaces Mr. G. A. Browne who has returned to Ottawa.

Mr. Christian Hardy, 52, originally of Montreal, to be Deputy High Commissioner in London.

Mr. Hardy (B.A., Laval; B.S.S., M.S.S., Laval) has served abroad in Chicago (1951-54), Rio de Janeiro (1954-57) and Paris (1960-63). He is a former Canadian Ambassador to Lebanon, Jordan and Syria (1967-69), Brazil (1969-71) and Algeria (1971-73). Since 1973 he has been at External Affairs Headquarters as Director General of Personnel, and Special Adviser to the Under-Secretary on Foreign Service Appointments and Related Policies.

Mr. Hardy replaces Mr. Pierre-André Bissonnette who will take up an assignment at External Affairs headquarters.

Mr. Pierre-André Bissonnette, 50, originally of Montreal, to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Bissonnette (B.A., Laval; LL.L., University of Montreal; Docteur ès Sciences Politiques, University of Geneva; Member of the Quebec Bar), has served abroad in Brussels (1954-57), Kuala Lumpur (1959-62) and in Paris (NATO) (1962-66). Between 1966-72 he was Director of the Defence Liaison (1) Division, Legal Adviser and Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (December, 1969). Since 1972 Mr. Bissonnette has been Deputy High Commissioner at the Canadian High Commission in London.

Mr. Peter Milburn Towe, 52, originally from London, Ontario, to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Towe (B.A., University of Western Ontario; M.A., Queen's) has served in posts abroad in Washington (1949-53), Bonn (1956-58) and as Counsellor to the Canadian Delegation to NATO and to the OEEC (1958-60). After a period as Deputy Director General of the External Aid office, he was assigned in 1967 to the Canadian Embassy in Washington as Minister (Economic) and, since 1972, has been Canadian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD.

Mr. William Edward Bauer, 49, originally of Welland, Ontario, and whose appointment as Ambassador to Thailand was announced on July 22, 1975, to be concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Laos.

Mr. Michel de Goumois, 40, originally of Quebec City, and whose appointment as Ambassador to the Ivory Coast and Niger was announced earlier, to be concurrently accredited to Upper Volta.