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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the appointment of the Honourable Milton Fowler Gregg, V.C., P.C., C.B.E., as Commissioner for Canada in British Guiana. Mr. Gregg will take up his duties in Georgetown early in March.

The appointment of a Commissioner in British Guiana is a recognition of the many ties and the friendship which have existed between this territory on the north-east coast of South America and Canada since before the turn of the century. From 1892 until 1924 Canada maintained a Commercial Agent in British Guiana. Canadian religious and educational institutions as well as business and financial firms have already established close associations and these are expected to expand and assume greater importance to the two countries in future years.

Biographical Sketch of the Honourable Milton F. Gregg, V.C., P.C., C.B.E., M.C., M.A., D.C.L., LL.D

Mr. Gregg was born in Mountain Dale, N.B., on April 10, 1892 and was educated at the Provincial Normal School and at Acadia and Dalhousie Universities. After teaching school in the Maritimes, he served with great distinction in the Canadian Army from 1914-18 and was awarded the Victoria Cross. Mr. Gregg was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Commons in 1934 and held this appointment until 1939. During World War II he again served with the Canadian Forces from 1939 to 1944, retiring with the rank of Brigadier. In 1944 he became the President of the University of New Brunswick. During Mr. Gregg's ten-year tenure as a Member of Parliament, he served as Minister of Fisheries (1947-48), Minister of Veterans Affairs (1948-50), and Minister of Labour

(1950-57). From 1958-1960 Mr. Gregg was Resident Representative of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board in Iraq and in 1960-63 was Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Indonesia. In September 1963, at the Eighteenth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, he was elected Chairman of the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee. Mr. Gregg is a widower with one married daughter living in New Brunswick.