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

Mr. John B.C. Watkins, First Secretary and until recently Head of the European Division of the Department, is leaving shortly for Moscow to replace Mr. John Holmes as Charge d'Affaires a.i. at the Canadian Embassy. After Mr. Watkins' arrival, Mr. Holmes will proceed to Paris as a Member of the Canadian Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mr. Fulgence Charpentier of the Information Division of the Department will leave Ottawa in a few weeks for Paris where he will be Information Officer at the Canadian Embassy.

Mr. Paul Malone will replace Mr. T.F.M. Newton at the Canadian Embassy in Washington as Information Officer. Mr. Newton's appointment as Canadian Consul at the Consulate in Boston has been announced.

Mr. M.A. Crowe, of the Economic Division of the Department, has been appointed Third Secretary at the Canadian Embassy at Moscow.

Mr. James Murray Cook who has been attached to the American and Far Eastern Division of the Department, is posted to the Canadian Embassy at Lima, Peru, as Third Secretary. He replaces Mr. F.M. Tovell, Second Secretary, who has returned to Ottawa to the Latin American section of the American and Far Eastern Division.

Mr. John B. C. Watkins

Mr. Watkins was born in Norval Station, Ontario, on December 3, 1902. He attended the University of Toronto (B.A. 1926, M.A. 1927) and Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. (Ph.D. 1944). Before joining the Department of External Affairs on September 3, 1946, Mr. Watkins had been an instructor in English at Queens University, 1927-28, and was associated with the American-Scandinavian Foundation in New York as Translator in 1930, Librarian, 1934, Director of Students, 1938, Assistant Secretary, 1940, and Secretary, 1945. In 1945-46, Mr. Watkins was. Associate Professor of English at the University of Manitoba. Mr. Watkins has published a number of translations from Norwegian, Danish and German, and numerous articles and short stories from Danish, Norwegian, Spanish and Icelandic.

Mr. Fulgence Charpentier

Before joining the Information Division of the Department, Mr. Charpentier was a member of the staff of the House of Commons as Chief of Votes and Proceedings (French). During the Second World War he was Chief Censor of Publications and later was Director of Censorship. He was formerly parliamentary correspondent for Le Droit, La Presse, Le Canada and Le Soleil successively. He was honoured for his services during the Second World War and was appointed a Member of the British Empire.

Mr. Charpentier was born at Ste. Anne de Prescott, Ontario, on June 29, 1897. He attended Joliette College (B.A., Laval University) and Osgoode Hall. He served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Canada from January to December, 1918. Mr. Charpentier was a member of the Ottawa City Council as Alderman for St. George's Ward from 1928-30. He was a Controller from 1931-35. Mr. Charpentier speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish. He is married and has four sons and one daughter.

Mr. Paul Malone

Mr. Malone, who has been in Ottawa since January of this year, was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on February 8, 1915. He attended Edmonton schools and the University of Alberta, graduating in 1936 with a B.A. degree. From 1936-38, Mr. Malone was employed on the editorial staff of the Edmonton Journal. In 1938 he was awarded the Empire Press Union Exchange Fellowship which enabled him to work on newspapers in England and Australia from 1938 to 1940. In 1942, Mr. Malone was appointed Press Attache, Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in Australia. In January, 1946, he was appointed Secretary in the same Office and carried out duties of the Senior Secretary as well as Information Officer until January 1948 when he was transferred to Ottawa for duty in the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Malone was Secretary to the Canadian Delegation to the British Commonwealth discussions on Japan in Canberra in 1947. Mr. Malone married the former Deirdre Ingram of Sydney, Australia, a former journalist. They have two sons.

Mr. M.A. Crowe

Mr. Crowe was born at Rossburn, Manitoba, April 14, 1921. He studied at the University of Manitoba (B.A.) and before joining the Department was a lecturer in economics at the Khaki University of Canada in the United Kingdom, September, 1945 to May, 1946. Mr. Crowe enlisted in December, 1942, as a cadet and was demobilized as Captain on June 12, 1946. Mr. Crowe is married and has one son.

Mr. James Murray Cook

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Mr. Cook was born in Toronto on December 27, 1941. He received his education at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and the University of Toronto where he graduated in 1946 with the degree of B.A. in Political Science. In 1940 he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and served overseas as a wireless operator and navigator. He was discharged in September, 1945, with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Mr. Cook joined the Department of External Affairs in June, 1947, as a Foreign Service Officer and was attached to the American and Far Eastern Division. Mr. Cook married Miss Kathlyn Bottomley of Halifax, Yorks, England in July, 1945. They have one son.