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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today the appointment of Dr. John Everett Robbins as first Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican. Dr. Robbins is the present Editor-in-Chief of the Encyclopedia Canadiana and former President of Brandon University.

Mgr. Emanuele Clarizio, at present Apostolic Delegate in Ottawa, will be the first Papal Pro-Nuncio in Canada and as such will rank as an Ambassador and will be a member of the Diplomatic Corps.

The Government of Canada and the Vatican are confident that this step will contribute to their mutual understanding and to exchanges of views between them on international matters of common concern.

JOHN EVERETT ROBBINS

Robbins, John Everett, B.A., M.A., PH.D., LL.D.,
D. Sc. (Soc.), F.S.S.

Born Hampton, Ontario October 9, 1903. University of Manitoba B.A. (Hon.) 1928, M.A. 1929. University of Ottawa, PH.D. 1935. University of New Brunswick and University of British Columbia, LL.D., 1959. University of Manitoba, LL.D., 1967. Laval University, D. Sc. (Soc.) 1967. Dominion Bureau of Statistics 1930 - 1952, with leaves for Carnegie Travelling Fellowship to Scandinavia 1933; for UNESCO conferences in London, Mexico, Beirut, Florence; for direction of UNRWA education programme in Middle East 1951 - 1952. Resigned as Director of Education and Information Divisions of DBS to join Grolier Society (1952 - 1958). Employed full time as editor-in-chief to produce Encyclopedia Canadiana, part time since. Social Science Research Council of Canada and Humanities Research Council of Canada, full time Executive Secretary Treasurer, 1958-60. Treasurer of Canada Foundation 1949 - 1960. President of Brandon College and University 1960 - 1969. Publications: "Hydro-Electric Development in the British Empire", Macmillan's 1930; "Dependency of Youth", Dominion Bureau of Statistics, 1938; "Educational Institutions in Canada", (editions in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese), 1944; plus numerous pamphlets, articles, reports, etc. Married (Catherine Saint-Denis), two sons.