

department at the Western Ontario Trade and Industrial Promotion Conference, to be held in London, Ontario, on May 25. Other officials attending would, he said, include the Vice-President of the Export Credits Insurance Corporation and the Executive Director of the National Productivity Council.

The conference has been arranged in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Commerce and Development and the London Chamber of Commerce. Two sessions will be held, one in which problems of domestic commerce will be discussed and the other devoted to export trade. It is proposed to provide businessmen with a broad understanding of the services available to them in these two areas.

ONTARIO CITIZENSHIP MINISTRY

The recent Act to establish the Department of the Provincial Secretary and Citizenship passed by the Ontario Legislature gives Canada its first provincial minister of citizenship.

The Honourable John Yaremko continues as Provincial Secretary and becomes also the Ontario Minister of Citizenship — and his Citizenship Division has been expanded to take over the citizenship work formerly under the Education Department's Community Programmes Branch.

The Division will provide a single and central organization at Queen's Park, Toronto, where newcomers may apply for information about any provincial services, and for personal assistance or referral. Counseling services will be continued and expanded.

The Division will also seek further liaison with the ethnic press, ethnic groups, and immigrant-aid agencies in provincial areas of action.

A free translation service for trade and educational certificates and other vital documents will be continued.

In addition to serving language and citizenship classes organized by school boards and volunteer groups, the Division will conduct classes of its own in Toronto and elsewhere in Ontario, as need arises.

COLOMBIA ENVOY INSTALLED

On May 12, His Excellency Doctor Francisco José Ocampo presented his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Colombia to Canada. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court, Ottawa. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to the Deputy Governor-General, Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin. Mr. Ritchie, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. E. Joly de Lotbinière, Assistant Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on the Deputy Governor-General on this occasion.

Doctor Ocampo, a lawyer by profession, has served as a Member of the Senate and also as a Member of the House of Representatives in Colombia. He has also been Governor of the Department of Caldas and, more recently, President of the Banco de Comercio.

CANADA COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Prime Minister Diefenbaker recently announced the appointment of five persons to the Canada Council to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of persons appointed to the Council in 1957. The following were appointed: Lady Dunn, St. Andrews, New Brunswick; Mrs. Ginette P. Trepanier, Quebec City; Monsignor Basil Kushnir, D.D., Winnipeg, Manitoba; Rabbi David Monson, Toronto, Ontario; Douglas Black Weldon, M.C., London, Ontario. These appointments are already in effect and will remain so for a term of three years, as provided by the Canada Council Act.

PM MEETS AUSTRALIAN ENVOY

The newly-appointed High Commissioner for Australia to Canada, Mr. David O. Hay, recently made his first call on Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker. The High Commissioner, who was accompanied by Mr. Kieran Desmond, First Secretary of his Office, was introduced by the Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis.

Mr. Hay was appointed in 1950 Counsellor of the Australian High Commission in Ottawa, a post he held until 1952. He attended the Imperial Defence College, London, in 1954, and the following year was made Australian Ambassador to Thailand. Before taking up his present appointment, Mr. Hay was Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra.

UNESCO AT ADDIS ABABA

Mr. Emilien Morissette, Member of Parliament for Rimouski, Quebec, represented the Canadian Government at a conference of African states on the development of education in Africa held in Addis Ababa from May 15 to 25. This conference was organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) with a view to establishing an inventory of the educational needs of the African states and a programme to meet those needs in the coming years. The Canadian representative attended in the capacity of observer.

The decision to attend the conference at Addis Ababa was related to the establishment of a Canadian programme of educational assistance to the newly independent French-speaking states of Africa, which was announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Green on April 24. While at Addis Ababa, Mr. Morissette sought information on the educational problems of the area, which would be helpful in the development and execution of the Canadian programme. As the Government hopes to draw upon the advice and experience of UNESCO in setting up and operating the new scheme, Canadian attendance at the conference provided an opportunity not only to consult with officials of African governments present but also with senior officials of the UNESCO secretariat.