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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the composition of the Canadian delegation to the meeting of the Commonwealth Consultative Committee which opens in Sydney, Australia, on May 15.

Delegate, The Honourable R. W. Mayhew,  
Minister of Fisheries

Alternate Delegate Major General the Honourable L. R. LaFleche,  
High Commissioner for Canada in Australia

Principal Adviser D. V. LePan,  
Department of External Affairs

Advisers N. Perry,  
Department of Finance

B. I. Rankin,  
Department of Trade and Commerce

G. K. Bouey,  
Bank of Canada

A secretary to the delegation will be provided from the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in Australia.

Mr. Mayhew was a delegate to the Commonwealth meeting on foreign affairs held at Colombo, Ceylon, in January, which recommended the establishment of the Commonwealth Consultative Committee. The Principal Adviser to the delegation, Mr. LePan, participated in the official discussions on economic affairs held at Colombo while the ministerial talks were in progress.

At Sydney the Commonwealth Consultative Committee will consider broadly the economic needs of South and South-East Asia. A number of countries in that area are under developed and are in need of capital equipment and technical assistance.

Several United Nations organizations are already concerned with the needs of South-East Asia. The work of the Commonwealth Consultative Committee will be coordinated with the work of these organizations.

The Canadian group leaves Ottawa this week. While it is not, of course, a "trade mission", naturally it is hoped that Canadian contacts with South-East Asia through the Commonwealth Consultative Committee and other organizations will lead eventually to increased trade.