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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Joint United States-Canada Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs will hold its first meeting in Washington on March 16.

Arrangements for the establishment of the Joint United States-Canada Committee were made in an exchange of notes on November 12, 1953. It will be recalled that the suggestion for a Joint Committee was originally made during the visit of the Prime Minister to Washington in May 1953. The Canadian members of the Committee consist of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Ministers of Finance, Trade and Commerce and Agriculture or Fisheries. The United States members include the Secretaries of State, The Treasury, Agriculture and Commerce.

The activities of the Joint Committee constitute one aspect of the efforts of both countries in promoting satisfactory trade relations on a multilateral basis.
