

U.S. - CANADIAN TRADE MEETING

It has been announced by the Department of External Affairs that the Joint United States - Canadian Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs will meet in Ottawa on January 5 and 6, 1959. Canada will be represented at the meeting by the Ministers of Finance, Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The functions of the Committee, which was established in 1953, are;

(1) To consider matters affecting the harmonious economic relations between the two countries;

(2) in particular, to exchange information and views on matters which might adversely affect the high level of mutually profitable trade which has been built up;

(3) to report to the respective governments on such discussions in order that consideration may be given to measures deemed appropriate and necessary to improve economic relations and to encourage the flow of trade.

The forthcoming meeting will provide the Ministers of the two countries with an opportunity of reviewing with their colleagues a range of subjects in the general field of trade and economic relations between Canada and the United States.

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NEW ATLAS OF CANADA

Mr. Paul Comtois, the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, has announced the completion of the new Atlas of Canada, the first comprehensive atlas to be published by the federal government since 1915.

The 450 maps in the Atlas present the historic, economic, social and political development of the nation. From beginning to end, throughout its 110 map sheets, the Atlas is a fine display of artistry and workmanship and contains a wealth of useful information.

For instance, maps show Canada's relief, geology, mineral deposits, magnetic field, tides, climate, drainage basins and soils, and outline human, animal and plant resources. Shown are the distribution of population, origin of people, principal religions, marriage, birth and death rates, and the ranges of animals, fish, birds, insects, trees and natural vegetation.

Thirty-four map sheets are devoted to the economic activities of the people of Canada. They depict various aspects of agriculture, mining and forestry, locate primary and secondary industries, and deal with transportation and communication systems, which include canals, shipping routes, railways, roads, airlines and radio and television stations.

The internal organization of the country comes to light in a series of maps which

present the development of cities, towns, rural municipalities and institutions, show the distribution of hospitals, universities, libraries, art galleries and museums, and unfold the growth and present land use of eight major cities--Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

Maps are used to retrace the main steps in Canada's history and to outline the routes of early explorers, the development of mapping techniques, the political evolution of the country, and the extent of Canada's participation in international organizations.

It is not, however, a dictionary-type atlas showing the locations and sizes of places, although some of its sheets deal with these aspects. It is a story in maps which outlines the physical background and the economic development of the nation at mid century and which shows how these factors are interrelated to form a Canadian way of life.

In physical appearance, the Atlas has a rigid cover which measures 20 by 16 inches. It is bound in a loose-leaf form to enable the sale of individual sheets, to facilitate their removal for special study, and to allow for the replacement of sheets or addition of new ones that will be produced from time to time.

Five thousand copies of each map have been printed. Two thousand of these are bound and will be distributed by the Queen's Printer. The remainder will be prepared for distribution as demand dictates. Each complete Atlas will sell for \$25 in Canada and for \$30 in Canadian funds outside of Canada. Individual sheets will cost \$.50 each.

The French edition of the Atlas of Canada is being prepared by the Department and should be ready for distribution near the end of next year. A special committee on nomenclature has been set up to guide the preparation of this edition.

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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced the following appointments in the Canadian Diplomatic Service:

Mr. Robert A.D. Ford, at present Ambassador to Colombia, has been appointed Ambassador to Yugoslavia to succeed Mr. George Ignatieff whose appointment as Deputy High Commissioner in London was announced earlier. The appointment of Mr. Ford's successor will be announced later.

Mr. G. Hamilton Southam, at present Head of Defence Liaison (2) Division of the Department of External Affairs, has been appointed Chargé d'Affaires a.i. in Warsaw to succeed Mr. J.P. Erichsen-Brown whose appointment as Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisory Commission for Indochina was announced earlier.