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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada has furnished and decorated a Committee Room in the Conference Building in Rome of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Member governments were requested in 1951 to provide furnishings and decorations for a room which would exemplify the handicrafts and skills of their respective countries. The Director-General of the Organization in his opening speech to the General Council in Rome yesterday acknowledged Canada's contribution to the Conference Building.

The walls of the Committee Room have been panelled in cedar and a large map of Canada, which has been carved from eight different types of wood mounted on an aluminum background, is displayed. The Canadian coat of arms and the provincial crests are carved in wood and on each wall are also hung paintings by Canadian artists depicting the special fields of FAO, agriculture, fisheries and forestry. The paintings are by Franklin Arbuckle, Charles Comfort, Ken Lockheed, George Pepper and the map, coat of arms and crests by Arthur Price.

The overall design of the room was executed by the Exhibition Commission of the Department of Trade and Commerce in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture.

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