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It was announced on Friday, 24th September, that in discussions in Ottawa between the Acting Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. St. Laurent, with other Canadian Ministers, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the United Kingdom, it had been agreed to recommend to the two Governments the establishment of a continuing Committee of representatives of the two countries. The Committee will meet periodically, consult together, and report to their respective Governments on commercial and economic matters of mutual concern and especially on measures which both countries might take to ensure the greatest trade possible between them. In the course of further discussions the two Governments have agreed that the Committee will meet alternately in Ottawa and London.

The functions of the Committee will, of course, be purely advisory to the Governments. The Canadian members will be the High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom, the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the Director of Economic Relations, Department of Finance.

The United Kingdom members will be the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada and the Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade, the Second Secretary for Overseas Finance in the Treasury and the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Food.