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Geneva Agreements: The Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, announced Wednesday that Canada had successfully concluded at Geneva negotiations respecting tariffs and preferences with the United States of America; Belgium-Luxembourg and the Netherlands (comprising the new Customs Union of "Benelux"); Brazil, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, Norway and Syria-Lebanon; as well as with the United Kingdom, South Africa, India and Ceylon; and that the Government had authorized L.D. Wilgress, Canadian Minister to Switzerland, to sign tomorrow, on behalf of the Government of Canada, the multilateral General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Protocol of Provisional Application.

In thus making formal announcement of the completion of the Geneva negotiations, the Prime Minister said that many of these could not have been brought to a successful conclusion had it not been for the co-operative attitude adopted by those countries of the British Commonwealth with which Canada had trade agreements, notably the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the British West Indies.

The Prime Minister stated further that full details of the multilateral Agreement to which Canada is party would be made public in the relatively near future and that it was the expectation of the Government that, under the Protocol, the provisions of the Agreement would come provisionally into force on January 1st next.

Air Immigration Scheme: Possible extension of the Ontario air immigration scheme beyond its present objective of 7,000 immigrants from Britain by the end of the year was suggested in the Ontario Legislature Wednesday by both Premier Drew and Planning Minister Porter.

Both termed the scheme which has so far seen close to 5,500 Britons arriving in Ontario as extremely satisfactory. Mr. Porter said in a corridor interview that the scheme may be continued into next year. He estimated that at least 20,000 persons in the British Isles have indicated their readiness to come to Ontario and that no major difficulty stands in the way of continuing the scheme indefinitely.

Premier Drew reported to the Legislature that wives and families of air immigrants had started to arrive, in the second stage of the plan to bring new citizens from the United Kingdom. (CP)

Current Manpower: Jobs available at National Employment Service offices currently outnumber applicants for work by about 10,000, it was shown by the monthly report on manpower issued Tuesday by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour. This situation prevails despite the fact that labour demand now is starting to slacken as seasonal activity tapers off in the food processing, agriculture, trade, and service industries. This is a normal development since the yearly peak of employment usually comes at the beginning of October.