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The Department of External Affairs announced the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Wheat Conference which opens in Geneva today. The Conference will consist of two sessions, the second session to be held early in 1956.

Mr. Mitchell W. Sharp, Associate Deputy Minister for the Department of Trade and Commerce, will lead the Delegation. Delegates will be Mr. W. C. McNamara, Assistant Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board in Winnipeg; Dr. C. F. Wilson, Commercial Counsellor of the Canadian Legation in Copenhagen; and Mr. Hector Allard, Permanent Representative of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva. Mr. McNamara will act as head of the Delegation until the arrival of Mr. Sharp.

Advisers for the Delegation will include Mr. G. N. Vogel, Chief of the Grain Division, Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa; Mr. J. B. Lawrie, European Manager of the Canadian Wheat Board, London, England; and Mr. W. Van Vliet, Commercial Secretary of the Canadian Embassy, Berne, Switzerland.

In addition, the members of the Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee will also act as advisers to the Delegation. They are: Mr. J. H. Brownlee, President of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mr. W. J. Parker, President of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mr. C. P. Hansen, President of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Mr. J. H. Wesson, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Regina, Saskatchewan; Mr. Roy Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta; and Mr. Ben Plumer, Chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, Calgary, Alberta.

It is not expected that the Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee will attend the first session of the Conference. They will, however, be kept fully advised of developments and their opinions and advice will be available to the delegation.

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