

mittees of inquiry to explore the possibility of a greater degree of economic co-operation between Canada and the United States. They will be known as the Joint Economic Committees.

The Committees have been instructed to study and to report to their respective governments on the possibilities of (1) effecting a more economic, more efficient and more co-ordinated utilization of the combined resources of the two countries in the production of defence requirements (to the extent that this is not now being done) and (2) reducing the probable post-war economic dislocation consequent upon the changes which the economy in each country is presently undergoing.

It is the common belief of the two governments that such studies and reports should assist the governments and peoples of each country in formulating policies and actions for the better utilization of their productive capacities for the mutually greater welfare of each, both in the present emergency period and after the emergency has passed.

This joint inquiry marks one further step in the implementation of the declaration made by Prime Minister Mackenzie King and by President Roosevelt at Hyde Park on April 20, 1941.

The members of the Canadian Committee will be Mr. R. A. C. Henry, Professor W. A. Mackintosh, Mr. J. G. Bouchard and Mr. Alex Skelton. Mr. H. L. Keenleyside of the Department of External Affairs will sit with the Committee from time to time as occasion may render desirable.

The members of the United States Committee will be Mr. William L. Batt, Mr. Harry D. White, Professor Alvin H. Hansen and Mr. E. Dana Durand. Mr. A. A. Berle, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State will sit with the Committee from time to time as occasion may render desirable.

In order that the Secretary of State may be kept closely in touch with the activities of the committees, Mr. Leroy D. Stinebower has been appointed as liaison officer from the Department of State. A liaison officer from the Department of External Affairs will also be appointed shortly.

#### *7. MEETING OF THE PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE HELD AT MONTREAL, APRIL 14-16, 1941.*

A meeting of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence was held at Montreal on April 14-16, 1941.

Brigadier Maurice Pope, who succeeded Brigadier Kenneth Stuart, attended for the first time as a member of the Canadian section.