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CANADIAN POSTAL EXPERT TO WEST INDIES

MR. WALTER J. TURNBULL, DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL OF CANADA UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1957, LEFT CANADA FOR TRINIDAD ON OCTOBER 29, 1959, TO SERVE AS POSTAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WEST INDIES. MR. TURNBULL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE WEST INDIES UNDER THE CANADA-WEST INDIES AID PROGRAMME.

MR. TURNBULL WILL ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WEST INDIES IN CARRYING OUT THE UNIFICATION OF THE WEST INDIES POSTAL SYSTEM WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED IN A REPORT PREPARED IN 1957 BY MR. J. B. HOOD, A POSTAL ADVISER FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM. AT THE PRESENT TIME, EACH OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WEST INDIES FEDERATION HAS ITS OWN POSTAL SYSTEM AND ISSUES ITS OWN POSTAGE STAMPS.

MR. TURNBULL BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT AND SERVED WITH THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR. HE WAS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA FROM 1936 TO 1945. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1957, HE JOINED CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, FROM WHICH HE HAS BEEN GRANTED EXTENDED LEAVE TO TAKE UP THE WEST INDIES ASSIGNMENT.

MR. TURNBULL ARRIVED IN PORT-OF-SPAIN ON OCTOBER 31 AND EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN THE WEST INDIES FOR AT LEAST A YEAR.