

Ministers, appointed by the Governor. The Northern and Western Regions have a second chamber as well, the House of Chiefs, to which members are appointed.

The nationalist movements that developed in the three regions after the Second World War have now become the principal political parties and have furnished the leaders for independent Nigeria. The Northern Peoples' Congress (NPC) is concentrated in the Northern Region, the Action Group in the Western Region, and the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (NCNC) in the Eastern Region. Each party controls the government in its own stronghold; all, of course, support the desire for independence, and the idea of federation. Despite the parties' efforts during the campaign leading to the elections of last December to gain support outside their own regions, and thus lay claim to being truly representative of the country, none was completely successful. As a result a coalition was formed of the NPC and NCNC, which had participated in the previous administration, under Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, who has continued as Prime Minister since his appointment in 1957. Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, the doyen of the nationalists and the great figure of the early post-war period, is now President of the Senate. Chief Obafemi Awolowo, who has led the Action Group in the Western Region for a number of years, is Leader of the Opposition. In the north the Sardauna of Sokoto remains the regional Premier.

Canada's links with Nigeria have been mainly through trade and missionary activity. In recent years Canadian imports, largely cocoa beans and palm oil, have amounted to more than \$2 million *per annum*. Wheat has been Canada's chief export to Nigeria and total Canadian exports to that country have varied from \$1.5 million to \$300,000. Catholic and Protestant missionaries have worked in the Northern Region for some time. To these established links it is expected that association in the Commonwealth will be added. It can be expected, therefore, that Nigeria and Canada will be drawn closer together in the future.