

Mr. Jean-Marie Bonin, General Manager of the La Cooperative Agricole de Granby, Granby. Mr. Bonin was also representing la Chambre de Commerce de la Province de Quebec.

Mr. Alex Gray, President of the Gray-Bonney Tool, Co. Ltd., Toronto, who represented the Canadian Exporters' Association.

Mr. Clive B. Davidson, Secretary of the Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg.

Government Members of the Mission

Mr. W. Fred Bull, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, ably assisted and directed, on all phases of the Mission.

The Department of External Affairs was ably represented by *Mr. Jules Léger*, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Alfred Savard, Area Trade Officer for Latin America in the Department of Trade and Commerce, was secretary of the Mission.

Mr. Maurice Schwarzmann, of the Treaty Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce, who acted as Private Secretary to Mr. Howe.

Mission Itinerary and Departure

The Mission left Ottawa on Monday morning, January 5th, 1953, at 10 a.m.

A formal Dinner had been tendered the Mission by Dr. Heitor Lyra on Saturday night, January 3rd, in Ottawa at the Brazilian Embassy. Dr. Lyra, the Brazilian Ambassador, in a humorous vein, forecast some of the speech making that would be encountered on the Tour, and counselled that brevity be featured in our replying speeches.

Sunday, January 4 was devoted to final planning meetings of the Mission, held at the Chateau Laurier.

The Mission take-off on the morning of January 5 was smooth and the weather excellent. Cabinet Ministers Pearson, Abbott, Garson, and others, were at Rockcliffe Airport to bid the mission godspeed. The Prime Minister was not in Ottawa when the Mission departed, having spent the New Year week-end at his home.

The Mission travelled in the RCAF C-5 aircraft, which carried HRH Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their Tour of Canada in 1951. The C-5 aircraft and its smart RCAF crew created real interest and admiration at the various points visited. On the occasion of departure from the various cities numerous government officers and business men took occasion to inspect the plane. At one stop a lady visitor made the amusing request to see the powder room used by Princess Elizabeth on her Tour.

Fine Travelling Facilities

The Mission travelled on diplomatic passports throughout, and were thus cleared through customs and immigration with no technicalities whatsoever, and without opening and inspection of baggage. Flying weather was good to excellent throughout the journey. The RCAF boys handled the plane beautifully, over deserts, jungles and mountains, all in strange terrains.