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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada had been selected by the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross Conference as host country to the XVIIIth International Red Cross Conference. The Conference will be held in Toronto from July 23 to August 9, 1952.

The Conference, which normally convenes every four years, includes 69 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross. It also includes governmental representatives from the 72 nations signatory to one or more of the Geneva Conventions, which form the body of International Law dealing with the humane treatment of the sick and wounded of the armed forces, prisoners of war, and, more latterly, of civilian persons in enemy-occupied countries.

This is the first time that the Conference has been convened in Canada, and it has not met in the Western Hemisphere since the Washington Conference of 1912. The Department of External Affairs is assisting the Canadian Red Cross Society in making the arrangements for the Conference.
