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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that Mr. R. W. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries, will represent the Canadian Government at the meetings of the Commonwealth Consultative Committee on South and Southeast Asia, which will begin in London on September 25. Mr. Mayhew represented the Canadian Government at the previous meeting of the Committee in Sydney, Australia, last May. He was also present at the Commonwealth meeting on foreign affairs in Colombo last January.

The coming meeting in London will carry forward the discussions held in Sydney. These dealt with both the provision of technical assistance to countries of South and Southeast Asia and a review of major capital developments planned in the area.

Assisting Mr. Mayhew, as chief adviser, will be Mr. J. J. Deutsch of the Department of Finance. Mr. D. V. LePan, of the Department of External Affairs, will also act as adviser. They will be assisted, as necessary, by officials from Canada House.