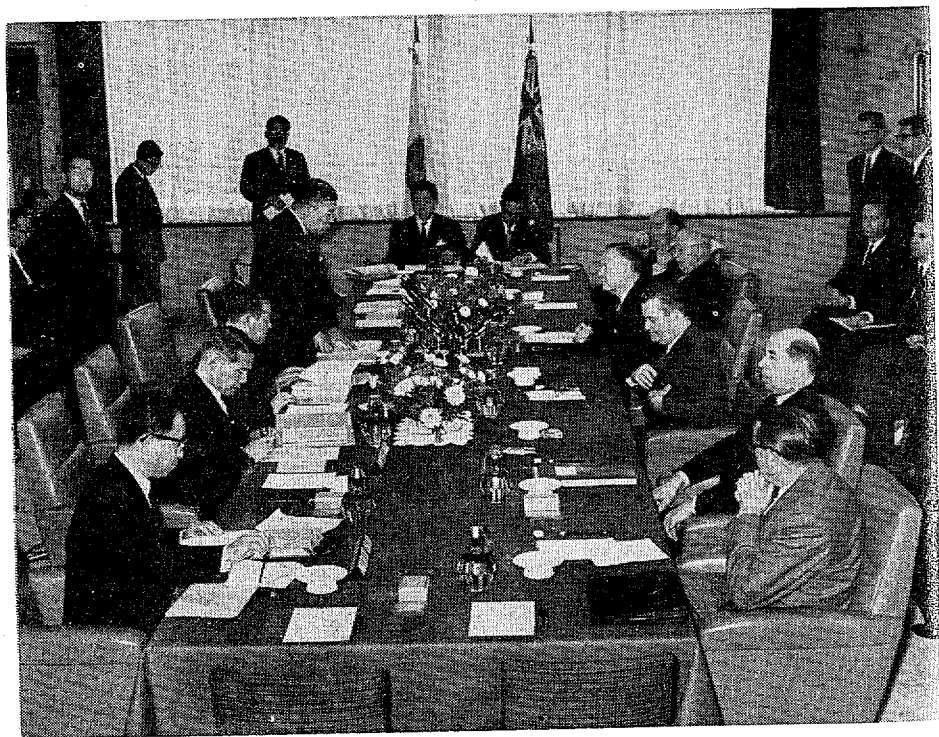


Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee

FIRST MEETING, TOKYO, 1963

THE FIRST meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was held in Tokyo on January 11 and 12, 1963. The Japanese Government was represented by five cabinet ministers, headed by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Masayoshi Ohira. The Canadian delegation consisted of Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Justice, Mr. J. Angus MacLean, Minister of Fisheries, and three deputy ministers. The Japanese Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Nobuhiko Ushiba, and the Canadian Ambassador to Japan, Mr. W. F. Bull, also participated in the discussions. A joint communiqué was issued at the conclusion of the meeting, the text of which is given at the end of this article.

The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was established by Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Prime Minister Ikeda during their meeting in Ottawa on June 26, 1961. The communiqué issued after the Prime Ministers' discussion referred to the establishment of the Committee in the following terms:



Japanese Foreign Minister Ohira, head of the Japanese delegation, addresses his opening remarks to Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Justice, head of the Canadian delegation, at the opening of the first meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee, Tokyo.