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The Acting Prime Minister, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Donald M. Fleming, and the Minister of Fisheries, the Honourable J. Angus MacLean, will represent the Government of Canada at the first meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee to be held in Tokyo on January 11 and 12, 1963.

It was agreed during Prime Minister Ikeda's visit to Canada in June of last year that in view of the increasing importance of Canadian-Japanese relations there should be established a joint Ministerial Committee which would not be a negotiating body but which would provide a valuable means of contact between Ministers of the two countries. It was agreed that the activities of the Committee would consist primarily of visits of Ministers to each other's country from time to time to exchange views on matters of common interest, particularly in the economic field, and to familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country.

The Canadian Government looks forward to this meeting of the Committee as a valuable opportunity for Canadian and Japanese Ministers to review matters of common interest and concern and to develop still further the good relations that exist between Canada and Japan.