

countries known as the contracting parties are those which signed the protocol to apply provisionally the tariff reductions negotiated at Geneva in 1947. Twenty-one of these countries attended the August session. The session was held to examine trade and tariff questions arising out of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

During the first week of the session it was unanimously decided to conduct a second series of tariff negotiations with the object of bringing in additional adherents to the General Agreement. Several other countries have already shown an interest in participating.

Mr. Wilgress was also elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Interim Commission of the I.T.O. which established provisional headquarters in Geneva and began a three-week session there on August 25. The Interim Com-

mission is a temporary U.N. agency with the major task of preparing for the first session of the I.T.O. The Executive Committee discussed the working relations to be established between the I.T.O. and the U.N. and between the I.T.O. and other specialized agencies, various non-governmental organizations and the International Court of Justice.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Judge John E. Read, former dean of Dalhousie University Law School and legal adviser to the Department of External Affairs, has been re-nominated to serve a second term as a judge of the International Court of Justice. Judge Read was elected to the Court for a three-year term in February, 1946. The National Group of Canada, which in accordance with the Statute of the Court, is the body appointed by the Canadian Government to submit

nominations to the Court, also nominated Judge Hsu Mo of China, Judge Abdel Hamid Badawi Pasha of Egypt and Sir Benegal Narsinga Rau of India.

The International Court of Justice is a tribunal of 15 judges established by the Charter of the United Nations to decide, in accordance with international law, such disputes as states may wish to submit to it and to deliver advisory opinions as may be requested by the competent organs and agencies of the United Nations. Although the normal period of service is to be nine years, at the first election the terms of five judges were to expire in three years and five more in six years. The five vacancies, which must be filled by elections conducted by the General Assembly and Security Council before February 7, 1949, will probably be filled during the forthcoming session of the General Assembly in Paris.

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APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. G.C. McInnes, has been appointed Foreign Service Officer, and posted to the Information Division 2 August, 1948.

Mr. J.H. Tudhope has been appointed as Permanent Representative to the Commonwealth Communications Council, London, England. He left Ottawa August 2nd to assume his new duties.

Col. Hebert E.T. Doucet, O.B.E. has been appointed Military Attaché at the Canadian Embassy, The Hague, to replace Col. M. L. de Rome, O.B.E. who has recently returned to Canada for military duty.

TEMPORARY DUTY

Mr. T.A. Stone will be Charge d'Affaires of the Canadian Embassy, Washington during the absence of Mr. H.H. Wrong.

Mr. T.B.B. Wainman-Wood will be Charge d'Affaires of the Canadian Legation, Havana, Cuba during the absence of the Canadian Minister.

TRANSFERS

Mr. J. Fournier following the completion of the course at the National Defence College, Kingston will be on leave and will be posted to the Privy Council effective 14th September, 1948.