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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Honourable J.R. Marshall, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Industries and Commerce, Minister of Customs and Minister of Overseas Trade of New Zealand has accepted the invitation of the Canadian Government to visit Ottawa from December 18 to 20. Mr. Marshall will be accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr. D.H. Hannah.

Last month Mr. Marshall headed the New Zealand delegation to the Ministerial Meetings of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade held in Geneva. Before coming to Ottawa the New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister will have visited the capitals of European Common Market countries, London and Washington.

Mr. Marshall will arrive by air at the Ottawa Airport at 12:15 p.m. on December 18. During his stay in Ottawa it is expected that he will call on the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Ministers of Finance, Agriculture and Trade and Commerce. An official dinner will be given in his honour by the Government of Canada.

Mr. Marshall is expected to leave Ottawa for Wellington on the afternoon of December 20.