

term planning. To that end, it has been proposed that Canada and the West Indies should enter into an understanding setting out the principles to be followed in the implementation of the programme.

This announcement follows the statement by Mr. Donald Fleming, Minister of Finance on September 22 at the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference in Montreal that Canada will set aside more than \$500,000,000 for under-developed countries. Included in the amount are increased commitments to both Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth agencies.

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AMBASSADOR APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced September 23 the appointment of Mr. Leon Mayrand, at present Ambassador to Spain, as Ambassador to Italy to succeed Mr. Pierre Dupuy, whose appointment as Ambassador to France was announced earlier, the appointment of Mr. Mayrand's successor will be announced later.

Mr. Sydney Pierce, who is at present Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, has been appointed Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg to succeed Mr. Charles-Pierre Hebert whose appointment as Ambassador to the Netherlands was announced earlier.

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MARKED RISE IN WAGES

Since 1945, the percentage rise in hourly and weekly wages in manufacturing in Canada has been particularly marked, and notably so in the production of non-durable goods, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports in a Review of Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings, 1946-1957.

Above-average expansion in recent years in employment in the relatively highly-paid components of the division, such as oil refining, pulp and paper and printing and publishing, with a levelling in several of the relatively low-pay industries and successive wage increases were important factors in narrowing the percentage differences between earnings in plants producing durable and non-durable manufactured goods.

Large increases in employment in the 13 years were also reported by several industries within the durable goods group, notably by the non-ferrous metal products and electrical apparatus industries; but the earnings in them were closer to the divisional average, so that the higher employment has had less effect on the gain in the group as a whole.

Within the non-durable goods division, hourly earnings in major groups have risen since 1945 by proportions varying from 98 per cent in clothing to 194 per cent in tobacco processing.

In the durable goods division, the range has been from 109 per cent in transportation equipment to 148 per cent in non-ferrous metal products. Because of reduced hours, the percentage gains in average weekly wages has been somewhat less.

Average hours of work have fallen since 1945 in all main industries except construction, which in that year had been adversely affected by wartime shortages of labour and materials. In addition, this industry has enjoyed a particularly marked expansion in recent years, accompanied by much overtime work on many important projects.

Hourly earnings of factory workers in the larger metropolitan areas have shown gains ranging from 104 per cent in Windsor and 106 per cent in both Quebec and Winnipeg, to 142 per cent in London and 157 per cent in Hamilton.

CANADIAN DELEGATION TO UN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada has announced in Ottawa the names of the representatives and alternate representatives of the Canadian Delegation to the Thirteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Delegation is as follows:

Representatives:

The Hon. Sidney E. Smith, P.C., Q.C., - Secretary of State for External Affairs, Chairman of the Delegation; The Hon. W.J. Browne, M.P., Q.C., - Minister without Portfolio, Vice-Chairman of the Delegation; The Hon. G.S. Thorvaldson, - Senator, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Dr. R.P. Vivian, M.D., M.P., - Member of Parliament, Port Hope, Ontario; Mr. C.S.A. Ritchie, - Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations.

Alternate Representatives

Mr. H.N. Macquarrie, M.P., - Member of Parliament, Victoria, P.E.I.; Mr. J.N. Tremblay, M.P., - Member of Parliament, Roberval, P.Q.; Mrs. W.T. Hayden, - Halifax, N.S.; Mr. J. Morin, Q.C., - Montreal, P.Q.; Mr. J.W. Holmes, - Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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UN OBSERVER GROUP

The Prime Minister announced September 21 that following a request from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Government has agreed to supply an additional 50 officers and 6 Warrant Officers and NCO's, to fill positions on the United Nations Observer Group in Lebanon.

"This prompt action taken by the Canadian Government and the Canadian Army is further indication of Canada's willingness and ability to undertake commitments under the United Nations wherever possible," Mr. Diefenbaker said.