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from Governor General to Secretary of State for the Colonies
With reference

Your telegram of November 25 received, stating that British government are prepared to take immediate steps for establishment of Imperial Economic Committee on lines indicated in telegram of June 19.

My ministers in telegram of July 2 expressed their readiness to co-operate in inquiry as to means of increasing extent and efficiency of marketing of overseas produce in Britain. They added that the objections previously taken to a permanent Imperial Economic Committee, sitting in London and with fixed personnel, which would not correspond to the wide variety in subject matter and range of possible inter-imperial economic issues, still held good, and suggested that proposed marketing committee be of an ad hoc character, and that as other economic questions arose in future they might be referred to committees or other means of inquiry of the composition required by the circumstances of each case. These considerations do not appear to be noted in your telegram of Nov. 25.

Government of Canada
We would suggest naming committee now proposed the Overseas Produce Marketing Committee or some abbreviation or variation of such title.

My ministers agree with the suggestion that the inquiries into meat and fruit marketing should be held concurrently, and approve of the proposed slight alteration in the terms of reference. They would be pleased to concur in the appointment of Sir Halford Mackinder as Chairman of the Marketing Committee. As regards expense, while preferring a proportionate distribution of any joint expense they would concur in the British government's proposal that it would bear this expense at the outset, but concurrence subject to reconsideration if expense assumes any considerable extent. Canadian government would of course provide for full expenses of its own representatives.

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