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MASTERPIECES OF INDIAN AND ESKIMO ART OF CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that a major exhibition "Masterpieces of Indian and Eskimo Art of Canada" will open at the Musée de l'Homme in Paris on March 25. Mr. Gérard Pelletier, Secretary of State, will be in Paris to represent the Canadian Government at this event.

With the assistance of the Department of External Affairs the exhibition was organized by the Société des Amis du Musée de l'Homme in Paris and the National Museum of Man in Ottawa, and presented under the aegis of the Franco-Canadian cultural agreement. It will run until September when it will move to the National Gallery of Canada.

More than 200 sculptures and other items, provided by eleven Canadian museums, will be on display. The collection, the most important of its kind ever assembled, will bring together works selected not only for their great ethnographic and archaeological value but also for their aesthetic qualities and originating from several Canadian regions and recently excavated archaeological sites.

Underlining the exceptional quality of the exhibition, Mr. Sharp expressed his satisfaction that Franco-Canadian relations were being developed in a relatively new field.

... to them could be described as 'real'. For
... the winter dancing societies, persons wearing
... and costumes appeared from behind painted screens