

Mr. Claxton [his brother-in-law] to the extent that the need for a "production agency" in Canada was beyond dispute. But determination had to be made on the relationship abroad between information officers and the diplomatic missions and representatives of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Heeney tried then to smooth out the apprehensions of External and of Trade and Commerce by saying there was no intention that C.I.S. should appoint representatives abroad who would operate independently of the chief of mission in a given country. The principle was clear that the chief of mission must be responsible for and exercise supervision over all Canadian representatives in his country of accreditation. The Committee went on to discussion of the terms of a draft Bill and agreed that a further meeting should be held on March 18.

Much earlier, in a memorandum of January 15 to Mr. Robertson,⁽¹⁸⁾ Mr. MacDermot had reported on a preliminary meeting with Mr. Heeney and others on the draft Bill. In this brief but meaty communication, Mr. MacDermot pursued his feeling that C.I.S. might be made responsible for Canada-based production of information material and that External take on the job of information work abroad. He also revealed some of the departmental feeling that the C.I.S., because of its different background and practices, was an alien group