

To further Canadian participation in international organization, a number of statutes have been passed to put into effect agreements pertaining to such groups as the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration⁽¹⁾, the Food and Agriculture Organization⁽²⁾, the International Monetary Fund⁽³⁾, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development⁽³⁾. Canada's support of Article 41 of the United Nations Charter for carrying out measures decided upon by the United Nations to give effect to its decision, was confirmed by the United Nations Act of 1947. The Charter of the United Nations was approved by both Houses of Parliament, and the instrument of ratification signed on November 1st, 1945. The charter of the International Trade Organization, prepared at Havana, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Geneva, 1947) have been endorsed by the Government and are being put before the present session of Parliament for approval.

(c) Government Pledges and Declarations

As mentioned previously, the Government has set forth its full employment policy in the White Paper on Employment and Income and the Proposals of the Government of Canada. Further statements on the government's policy for maintaining of a high and stable level of employment have appeared in recent budget speeches and in the speeches from the Throne⁽⁴⁾

Question 2

Has the responsibility for the implementation of a full employment programme been allocated among existing central or local agencies or have special agencies been set up or planned for this purpose? Describe the functions of the agencies with regard to:

- (a) Observation, analysis, and appraisal of economic trends to determine the need for and the type, timing and magnitude of possible governmental intervention.
- (b) Preparations of full employment plans, programmes or projects.
- (c) Execution of such plans, programmes or projects.

Answer

In Canada the division of responsibility and powers between the Dominion and provincial governments was set out in the British North America Act. The changing functions of government since 1867, particularly

- (1) United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Act, 1944.
- (2) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Act, 1945.
- (3) Bretton Woods Agreement Act, 1945.
- (4) "In this paper, the Government has stated unequivocally its adoption of a high and stable level of employment and income, and thereby higher standards of living, as a major aim of Government policy". White Paper on Employment and Income, p. 23.

"We know that to attain these great purposes, we must frame our policies and direct our efforts towards achieving and maintaining a high and expanding level of employment and income. This is what we have done, and this is what we are continuing to do". Budget Speech, May 18, 1948.