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Dr. G. D. W. Cameron, Deputy Minister of National Health, will head the Canadian delegation to the Second World Health Assembly which opens in Rome next Monday June 13, it was announced today in Ottawa by the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The world health programme for 1950 to be discussed by the Assembly includes joint activity by the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization in combating related problems of food and health; an expanded programme of maternal and child health activities, including greater stress on immunization against childhood diseases; the first international programme in the field of mental health; increased attention to typhus and plague; efforts to help member governments strengthen their public health services and operation of a limited medical-supply service to governments, as well as continuation of work in such fields as malaria, tuberculosis and venereal disease control.

In addition to the programme for 1950, the Health Assembly will study administrative and financial problems, details of regional organization, membership applications and other matters directly or indirectly connected with the work of WHO.

Members of the Canadian delegation besides Dr. Cameron will be Dr. J. Gregoire, Deputy Minister of Health, Province of Quebec, and Dr. J. E. Plunkett, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Ottawa, as alternate delegates; J. G. H. Halstead, of the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in London and Dr. A. M. Savoie, Immigration Medical Officer in Rome, as advisers.