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U.S.-Canada Committee: The Department of External Affairs announced that the first meeting of the Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Planning Committee was held in Washington on June 1. The meeting was primarily limited to a discussion of the organizational pattern to be followed in the light of the exchange of notes in Ottawa on April 12 that established the Committee. This exchange stemmed from a general agreement reached on June 7 of last year that the two Governments should exchange information on problems of mutual interest concerning the industrial mobilization planning activities of the two countries.

All members of the new committee were present and participated in the meeting....

There was general agreement on a number of procedural points pertaining to the Committee's operations. Concluding the list of procedural points upon which agreement was reached were the following:

- "(f) That joint sub-committees as appropriate and under the co-ordination of the two executives shall be designated by the principal committee to consult and exchange information on specific activities of mutual U.S.-Canadian mobilization planning interest; that the summary of points discussed by the joint sub-committees and the action recommended be submitted through the two executives for consideration or review by the principal committee as necessary.
- "(g) That the magnitude and scope of subjects for possible consideration and exchange of information is so great as to warrant careful study within both Governments as to the priority of approach to be taken in exploring these problems of mutual interest to Canadian and U.S. mobilization planning against the contingency of an emergency."

Rains Aid Prairie Crops: Timely rains have fallen over wide areas in the Prairie Provinces and average precipitation since the first of April is now much nearer normal than it was two weeks ago. Despite this overall improvement, moisture reserves remain far below normal throughout much of central, east-central and north-eastern Alberta; western and east-central Saskatchewan, and in a few localities in Manitoba. In these areas frequent rains during the growing season will be required to produce a satisfactory crop. Pastures are already suffering seriously in these districts. Heavy frosts have occurred in all three provinces but damage has evidently been limited in most cases to early stands of oats and barley. Some reseedling has been required in central and northern sections of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Grasshoppers are hatching freely in affected areas and control measures are in full swing. The infestation is particularly severe in central Saskatchewan but the ultimate extent of the damage cannot yet be estimated.

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