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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Minister of Finance, Mr. D.C. Abbott, would represent the Government as the Canadian member of the temporary committee of twelve nations established by the North Atlantic Council at the Ottawa meeting. The Council, when announcing the formation of this committee, stated that its duties would be to survey particularly the requirements for fulfilling a militarily acceptable NATO plan for the defence of Western Europe and the realistic political-economic capabilities of the member countries, with a view to determining possible courses of action for their reconciliation so as to achieve the most effective use of the resources of the member countries.

Mr. Abbott, accompanied by advisers from the Department of Finance, National Defence and External Affairs plans to attend the first meeting of the committee, which it is expected will be held in Paris in the second week of October.
