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Hong Kong

In Hong Kong, Mr. Fleming laid a wreath at the Memorial in the Sai Wan Military Cemetery to the 300 Canadian soldiers who gave their lives in defence of the Colony in 1941. The Minister had talks with Mr. A. G. Clarke, Financial Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, inspected a refugee resettlement project, a textile mill, and toured the New Territories where he visited an experimental farm. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were tendered luncheons by Sir Robert Black, Governor of Hong Kong, and Mr. W. J. Blackie, Director of Agriculture, and were entertained at receptions given by Mr. H. A. Angus, Director of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. C. J. Small, Acting Canadian Government Trade Commissioner.

Japan

The party flew to Tokyo November 6, touching down at Taipeh, Formosa, briefly en route. In Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were the official guests of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Aiichiro Fujiyama, who entertained in their honour at dinner on arrival.

The Tokyo portion of Mr. Fleming's five-day Japanese visit included an Imperial audience with Emperor Hirohito and the Empress, talks with the Prime Minister, Mr. Nobosuke Kishi; the Foreign Minister; the Minister of International Trade and Commerce, Mr. Tatsunosuke Takasaki; and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Eisaku Sato, who gave a luncheon for Mr. and Mrs. Fleming. Mr. A. F. W. Plumptre accompanied the Minister on his talks with government leaders. In Tokyo, the party was also entertained by the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. F. W. Bull, with whom the Minister and Mrs. Fleming stayed, and the Canada-Japan Society and the Japan-Canada Trade Council. Accompanied by Ambassador K. Yoshida, the party spent three days in the Kansai District, visiting Nagoya, Kyoto and Osaka. In Nagoya, the Minister was honoured at a luncheon given by the Governor of Aichi Prefecture, the Mayor of Nagoya and the President of the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce. In Osaka, Mr. Fleming met with the All-Japan Cotton Spinners' Association and, accompanied by Prince Iyemasa Tokugawa, was the guest of honour at the inaugural luncheon of the Canada-Japan Society of the Kansai. During his Kansai tour, Mr. Fleming inspected local industries and visited the Katsura Palace. In Tokyo, the Minister told a press conference:

I have brought to the Government of Japan an expression of the warm friendship of the people of Canada for Japan. We are happy that . . . our relations, both political and economic, recognize the substantial degree of common interest that exists between the 'new Japan' and Canada.

On the return journey, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming enjoyed a two-day holiday in Honolulu and a two-day stopover in San Francisco, where the Minister conferred with the Canadian Consul General, Mr. Christopher Eberts. Arriving back in Ottawa on November 16, Mr. Fleming said that he had found that Canada's Colombo Plan projects in South and Southeast Asia were making an effective contribution; that this type of aid was needed and appreciated. He reported an enthusiastic reaction to the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference. Of his trip, Mr. Fleming concluded: