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Meeting of the United Kingdom-Canada Continuing Committee
on Trade and Economic Affairs

The United Kingdom-Canada Continuing Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs, which was formed following Sir Stafford Cripps' visit to Canada last September, will hold its first meeting in London on January 25 under the Chairmanship of Mr. N. A. Robertson, Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom.

The Committee is to meet alternately in London under the Chairmanship of the Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom, and in Ottawa under the Chairmanship of the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Canada.

This Committee was established as a means of ensuring continued and close liaison between official representatives of the two countries. Through this Committee consultation will take place on commercial and economic matters of mutual concern, and especially on measures which both countries might adopt to ensure the greatest trade possible between them. Consequent upon such consultation, the members of the Committee will report to their respective Governments.

The Canadian members are:

- Mr. N. A. Robertson, Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom
- Mr. M. W. Mackenzie, Deputy Minister, Department of Trade and Commerce
- Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture
- Mr. J. J. Deutsch, Director, International Economic Relations,
Department of Finance

The United Kingdom members are:

- Sir John Woods, K.C.B., M.V.O., Permanent Secretary of the Board of Trade
- Sir Henry Wilson Smith, K.C.B., K.B.E., Second Secretary at the Treasury
- Mr. F. G. Lee, C.M.G., Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Food

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Sir Percivale Liesching, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Commonwealth Relations Office, will also attend.