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The Department of External Affairs announces that a Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee was established today by an exchange of notes between the two Governments in Ottawa, following a series of discussions that began last June. This joint Committee will consist of the following:

For the U.S.:

Dr. John R. Steelman
Acting Chairman, National Security Resources Board

Mr. Donald F. Carpenter
Chairman, Munitions Board

For Canada:

Mr. Harry J. Carmichael
Chairman, Industrial Defence Board

Mr. S. D. Pierce
Associate Deputy Minister
Department of Trade and Commerce.

The agreement recognizes the mutual interests and complementary characteristics of the resources of the two countries. It will be the function of the new Committee to exchange information and co-ordinate the views of the two Governments in connection with planning for industrial mobilization in the event of an emergency. The new Committee is further charged with cooperation with the existing United States-Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defence, established in 1940 by the late President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King, then Prime Minister of Canada.

A meeting of the Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee is contemplated in the near future.

Text of the notes follows: