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LUNDI, LE 23 SEPTEMBRE 1963.

Le secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures, M. Paul Martin, annonce qu'un consulat général sera établi le mois prochain à Milan, en Italie. Le premier consul général et délégué commercial sera M. Alexander Bertram Brodie, agent de carrière au service extérieur du ministère du Commerce. Le nouveau consulat général aura sous sa juridiction les régions suivantes: Emilie-Romagne, Lomdardie, Piémont, Trente-Haut-Adige, Vénétie, Ligurie, Trieste, Val d'Aoste et Frioul-Vénétie.

Jusqu'en 1940, le Canada possédait un bureau du commerce à Milan, mais depuis la guerre le Canada n'a eu aucune représentation commerciale officielle en Italie en dehors de Rome. Bien que le nouveau consulat soit d'abord établi pour fins commerciales, il va servir aussi à faciliter le tourisme et les échanges culturels entre le Canada et l'Italie.

M. Brodie est né à Westmount (Québec) en 1912. Il a obtenu un baccalauréat de l'Université McGill en 1936. Il est entré dans l'armée canadienne en 1942, a servi outre-mer auprès des 21^e et 15^e régiments de campagne, et a été libéré en 1945.

Il a été nommé délégué commercial adjoint au ministère du Commerce le 26 novembre 1945, puis a occupé des postes à Bruxelles, 1946-1948, à Paris, 1948-1949, à Léopoldville, 1949-1950 et 1953-1956, à Istamboul, 1950-1951, à Athènes, 1956-1958 et à Téhéran 1958-1962. Il exerçait depuis novembre 1962 les fonctions de directeur adjoint du personnel du Service des délégués commerciaux au ministère du Commerce.

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Le commerce entre le Canada et l'Italie s'est développé d'une façon constante depuis la guerre et il a atteint le chiffre record de 126 millions de dollars en 1962. Sur la liste des clients du Canada, l'Italie occupe la huitième place, tandis qu'elle détient la septième sur la liste de ses fournisseurs. Les exportations du Canada vers l'Italie ont augmenté d'environ 50 p. 100 au cours des dix dernières années; de 53 millions qu'elles étaient en 1952, elles ont atteint presque 75 millions en 1962. Pendant la même période, les importations en provenance d'Italie ont quadruplé, étant passées de 12 millions à un peu moins de 52 millions. De plus, l'Italie a investi un montant considérable au Canada et les compagnies canadiennes ont à leur tour effectué des placements en Italie.

La première réunion du Comité ministériel a eu lieu à Tokyo en janvier 1963. Ses discussions ont porté sur les rapports commerciaux et économiques du Canada et du Japon ainsi que sur les questions économiques d'intérêt international concernant les deux pays. Il a été décidé alors que la deuxième réunion aurait lieu à Ottawa.

CANADA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE -- SEPTEMBER, 1963ITINERARYSeptember 22nd, 1963 (Sunday)

4:51 p.m. Japanese delegation arrives Vancouver Airport
P.D.T. from Tokyo via San Francisco, on United
Air Line flight 771.

Delegation will be met at the airport by representatives from the Federal Government, the Provincial Government, and the office of the Mayor of Vancouver, and by the Japanese Consul in Vancouver. The Delegation will proceed to the Hotel Vancouver.

6:30 p.m. Buffet supper at the Georgia Hotel given by Japanese commercial firms in Vancouver for 11 junior members of the Delegation

7:00 p.m. Dinner given by the Japanese Consul at his residence for the 8 senior members of the Delegation.

September 23rd (Monday)

10:00 a.m. Press interview, Hotel Vancouver

12:15 p.m. Luncheon given by the Hon. Eric Martin, Acting Premier of British Columbia, and Mrs. Martin

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tour of Vancouver, to include:
(1) Presentation of floral wreath at Japanese war memorial in Stanley Park
(2) Tour of the University of British Columbia with tea at Faculty Club given by members of the U.B.C. faculty

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Reception given by Canada-Japan Society of Vancouver at the Hotel Vancouver

7:30 p.m. Dinner at the Lotus Garden Restaurant given by the Japanese Consul and by Japanese firms in Vancouver

September 24th (Tuesday)

8:45 a.m. Leave Hotel Vancouver for airport

9:50 a.m. Depart Vancouver via Trans-Canada Airlines flight 850 for Toronto

5:00 p.m. E.D.T. Arrive Malton Airport, Toronto

5:30 p.m. Depart Malton Airport by Department of Transport Viscount aircraft for Ottawa

6:30 p.m. Arrive Uplands Airport, Ottawa. Delegation to be met by the Hon. Paul Martin and by the Japanese Ambassador to Canada and Mrs. Ushiba, who will accompany the Delegation to the Chateau Laurier Hotel

September 24th (Tuesday), Cont'd

An arrival statement will be given at the airport by the Hon. M. Akagi, leader of the Japanese Delegation

8:00 p.m. Informal dinner given by the Japanese Ambassador at his residence, 725 Acacia Avenue, Rockcliffe.

September 25th (Wednesday)

9:15 a.m. Delegates leave Chateau Laurier Hotel, main entrance, by car for West Block.

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Opening session, Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee, Second Meeting; Room 308, West Block, Parliament Buildings (Delegation rooms : Japanese : Room 307/9 Tel. Canadian : Room 306 Tel.)

1:00 p.m. Men's luncheon given by Japanese Ambassador, Ambassador's residence, 725 Acacia Avenue, Rockcliffe Park.

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Afternoon session, Room 308, West Block

7:45 p.m. Delegates leave Chateau Laurier

8:00 p.m. "Counterpart dinner" given by the Hon. Walter Gordon for the Hon. Kakuei Tanaka and his suite at the Country Club

"Counterpart dinner" given by the Hon. Hedard Robichaud for the Hon. Muneneri Akagi and his suite at Le Diplome Restaurant, Hull. Guests will include the Hon. Harry Hays

"Counterpart dinner" given by Dr. John B. Stewart, Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs for Mr. Shigenobu Shima and his suite at the Country Club

8:30 p.m. "Counterpart dinner" given by the Hon. Mitchell Sharp for the Hon. Hajime Fukuda and his suite at La Savoie Restaurant, Hull.

Ladies' programme

9:45 a.m. Mrs. M. Akagi, Mrs. H. Fukuda, Miss M. Tanaka, and other ladies of the Japanese delegation, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell Sharp and other Canadian participants, will leave the Chateau Laurier Hotel for Uplands Airport

10:35 a.m. Leave Uplands Airport by T.C.A. flight 353 for Montreal

11:10 a.m. Arrive Dorval Airport, Montreal. Proceed by car to downtown Montreal. Visit Morgan's Department Store.

September 25th (Wednesday) : Ladies' programme (cont'd)

- 1:00 p.m. Informal luncheon, Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal
- 2:20 - 4:20 p.m. Sightseeing tour of Montreal
- 4:20 p.m. Arrive Dorval Airport, Montreal
- 4:40 p.m. Depart Montreal by T.C.A. flight 353 for Ottawa
- 5:15 p.m. Arrive Uplands Airport, Ottawa
- 5:35 p.m. Arrive Chateau Laurier Hotel
- 8:15 p.m. Depart Chateau Laurier Hotel
- 8:30 p.m. Dinner given by Mrs. N. Ushiba at the Japanese Ambassador and Mrs. Ushiba's residence, 725 Acacia Avenue, Rockcliffe Park

September 26th (Thursday)

- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Morning session, Room 308, West Block
- 1:00 p.m. Men's luncheon given by the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson at the Parliamentary Restaurant
- 2:30 p.m. Leave Parliament Buildings for Chateau Laurier
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Sightseeing drive to Gatineau Parkway
- 4:15 p.m. Delegates not participating in sightseeing drive leave Chateau Laurier
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Final Session, Room 308, West Block
- 5:00 p.m. Press Conference, Room 208, West Block. Issuance of final communiqué.
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner given by the Hon. Paul Martin, Quebec Suite, Chateau Laurier

Ladies' programme

- 9:45 a.m. Japanese ladies participating in previous programme, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Gordon and other Canadian participants, leave Chateau Laurier by car for Upper Canada Village near Morrisburg
- 11:15 a.m. Arrive Chrysler Farm Battlefield Park and Upper Canada Village
- 12:30 p.m. Informal luncheon, Willard's Hotel, Upper Canada Village
- 1:30 p.m. Depart Upper Canada Village for Montebello
- 3:30 p.m. Arrive Seignior Club. Tea
- 4:15 p.m. Depart Seignior Club for Ottawa

September 26th (Thursday) Ladies' programme (cont'd)

- 5:00 p.m. Arrive Chateau Laurier Hotel
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner given by the Hon. Paul Martin,
Quebec Suite, Chateau Laurier

September 27th (Friday)

- 6:30 a.m. Mr. S. Shima, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, leaves Chateau Laurier for Uplands; leaves Uplands Airport at 7:20 a.m. by T.C.A. flight 651 for Tokyo via Toronto
- 11:40 a.m. Hon. K. Tanaka, and party, leave Chateau Laurier for Uplands Airport; leave Uplands at 12:42 p.m. via Eastern Airlines flight 655 for Washington
- 9:00 a.m. Remainder of Delegation leave Chateau Laurier for Uplands Airport
- 9:45 a.m. Depart Uplands by Department of Transport Viscount for flight to Toronto, passing over St. Lawrence Seaway en route.
- 11:15 p.m. Arrive Malton Airport, Toronto. Proceed to King Edward Hotel.
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon given by Premier John Robarts
- 2:30 p.m. Leave Toronto by car for tour of Niagara Peninsula including visit to Niagara Falls, Niagara hydro projects, and locks of Welland Canal
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner given by the Hon. Judy LaMarsh at Seagram's Tower, Niagara Falls
- 10:00 p.m. Hon. M. Akagi and party proceed to Sheraton-Breck Hotel, Niagara Falls; Hon. H. Fukuda and party depart for Toronto
- 11:30 p.m. Arrive Sheraton King Edward Hotel, Toronto

September 28th (Saturday)

- 9:45 a.m. Hon. M. Akagi and party leave Sheraton Breck Hotel, Niagara Falls for Buffalo Airport; depart Buffalo Airport 11:40 a.m. via United Air Lines flight 312 for Washington
- 3:30 p.m. Hon. H. Fukuda's party leaves King Edward Hotel, Toronto, for Malton Airport; depart Malton 4:40 p.m. via T.C.A. flight 305 for Chicago.