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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the composition of the Canadian delegation to the international conference on trade and tariffs which will be opening at Annecy, France, on April 8.

The delegation will be as follows:

Head of Delegation:

Mr. L. D. Wilgress, High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom.

Representatives:

Mr. W. J. Callaghan, Commissioner of Tariff,
Department of Finance.

Mr. Louis Couillard, Department of External Affairs.

Mr. H. R. Kemp, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. A. L. Neal, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. G. N. Perry, Department of Finance.

Mr. S. S. Reisman, Department of Finance.

Dr. A. E. Richards, Department of Agriculture.

Secretary:

Mr. B. G. Barrow, Department of Trade and Commerce.

There will be two sets of meetings at Annecy (a small French town, some 28 miles from Geneva).

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The first will be the Third Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The General Agreement was negotiated at Geneva, in 1947, between the following 23 countries, all of which are now applying the Agreement provisionally:

Australia,	China,	Luxembourg,	Syria,
Belgium,	Cuba,	Netherlands,	Union of
Brazil,	Czechoslovakia,	New Zealand,	South Africa,
Burma,	France,	Norway,	United Kingdom,
Ceylon,	India,	Pakistan,	United States of
Chile,	Lebanon,	Southern	America.
Canada,		Rhodesia,	

Under the terms of the General Agreement the Contracting Parties are required to meet from time to time to give effect to certain provisions of the Agreement which involve joint action and, generally, to facilitate the operation and further the objectives of the Agreement. The Annecy meeting will be the third such session of the Contracting Parties.

The second set of meetings will take the form of tariff negotiations. The purpose of these negotiations is to permit a number of other countries to join the General Agreement. The following 13 countries have indicated their desire to participate in these tariff negotiations. Each of these new acceding countries will participate in tariff negotiations with each other and with the countries which are now Contracting Parties to the General Agreement:

Colombia,	Finland,	Nicaragua,
Denmark,	Greece,	Peru,
Dominican	Haiti,	Sweden,
Republic,	Italy,	Uruguay.
El Salvador,	Liberia,	

The results of these negotiations will be incorporated in the General Agreement. If all 13 acceding countries are successful in arriving at satisfactory arrangements with all 23 Contracting Parties and with each other, the membership of the General Agreement will be brought to 36 countries.
