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TWO APPOINTMENTSStatement by the Acting Prime Minister, Senator W. H. Spooner

The Acting Prime Minister, Senator Spooner, announced today that the present Secretary of the Department of Primary Industry, Mr. J.V. Moroney, C.B.E., will be appointed Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board in succession to the late Sir John Teasdale, as from 27th October next. The period of the appointment will be three years.

Senator Spooner said that Mr. Moroney had been associated with the production and marketing of Australian primary products since the formation of the Department of Markets and Migration in 1925. In particular, he had been in close touch with wheat marketing and stabilisation developments. In his official position, he was closely associated with the late Sir John Teasdale.

The Acting Prime Minister added that Mr. Moroney had taken part in discussions in London and Brussels on the effects on Australian exports of Britain's possible entry into the Common Market. He is at present in London as a member of the Australian Delegation to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

Mr. Moroney has been Secretary of the Department of Primary Industry since early 1956, and was Secretary to the Australian Agricultural Council for a number of years. He was educated at Hamilton in Victoria.

The Acting Prime Minister also announced that Mr. Moroney would be succeeded as Secretary of the Department of Primary Industry by Mr. A.C.B. Maiden, at present Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Before taking up his appointment as Director of the Bureau in May, 1959, Mr. Maiden had been Commercial Counsellor and Australian Government Trade Commissioner in Washington. His previous appointments included Assistant Director of the Bureau and Assistant Secretary (Tariff) in the Department of Trade.

Mr. Maiden led the Australian Delegation in the final stages of the International Wheat Conference in Geneva this year and more recently led a delegation to the F.A.O. Committee on Commodity Problems and the United Nations Commission on International Commodity Trade. Mr. Maiden is President of the Australian Agricultural Economics Society.

In announcing his appointment Senator Spooner mentioned that Mr. Maiden's services had been sought recently for the position of an Assistant Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. The Director-General of F.A.O. had, however, graciously agreed to his release from this appointment.

Mr. Maiden was born in Taree in New South Wales. He was educated at the New England University College and holds a B.A. Degree from the University of Sydney.

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