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Willis R. Gregg, chief of the United States Weather Bureau, and John Patterson, director of the Meteorological Service of Canada, are the North American members of the International Meteorological Committee. The total membership of this important body is about twenty, each member belonging to a separate country and being the head of an official meteorological service. The President of the committee is Prof. E. van Everdingen, director of the meteorological service of Holland, and Dr. H. G. Cannegieter is chief of the secretariat, located at De Bilt, Holland.

The committee meets every three years and takes its mandate from conferences, held every six years, to which are invited directors of all mutually independent meteorological services in the world. A conference is to be held next year.

Included in the same international meteorological organization are several bodies known as "commissions," each of which is concerned with some particular branch of meteorological work. One of them, for example, supervises observations of clouds, another marine meteorology, a third the interchange of daily weather reports, etc. The commissions are originally appointed by the conferences or the committee but have power to elect additional members. At least one member of each commission is a member of the International Meteorological Committee.

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