CARIBBEAN TRADE

TODAY the members of the Regional Economic Committee meet in Barbados to appoint a Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the organization and to select a Trade Commissioner and Assistant Trade Commissioner for service in London.

Regrettably power is given to the names of some applicants for those posts and the names of all others individually for appointment have been canvassed and with distinct advantage.

In all this is respectable because the function of the Regional Economic Committee is to operate quietly and unobtrusively behind the scenes and, with the consent of the governments concerned, to give instructions designed to promote British Caribbean trade.

The Trade Commissioner Services in London and Montréal are subject to the authority of the Economic Committee and it is therefore to be hoped that smooth sailing will permit work aided by the apathy and goodwill.

The selection of candidates for these important posts is the concern of the governments only and the whole West Indies will ventilate their choice with interest.

Meanwhile the present seems a suitable opportunity to remind the public of two important factors connected with the Regional Economic Committee:

The first has often been pointed out before and is the general one that it is the Regional Economic Committee that brings together, taken by all the individual British Caribbean governments, towards closer association and a common front in the face of the ever present menace of political federation.

The second is that the cost of the Committee and the advisory Trade Commissioner services are being met from taxation and levy on the whole federation.

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The large cost of the annual budget is $6,338 that of the Windwards $5,616 in order of annual payment, but to serve the region as a whole.

Chevalier, Champagne, Cheques-Oh, And A Crisis

STANLEY SMITH has trouble in finding "La Claire".

MADAM Chevalier and Champagne are not a bit interested in the story.

Division of the house will not be in their line of fire.

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