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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada will send relief supplies to Brazil following the recent severe droughts and forest fires which have caused extensive loss of life and destruction of homes, possessions and much of the coffee crop in the State of Parana.

The supplies consist of 34,000 pounds of powdered skim milk and 6,000 pounds of tinned meat. An R.C.A.F. Yukon aircraft, on a training flight, will transport the supplies from Trenton Airport this weekend.

The Right Honourable L.B. Pearson, Prime Minister, has conveyed the following message to President Goulart of Brazil:

"Canada has been profoundly shocked by the devastation and death which have struck in the State of Parana, and on behalf of the Canadian Government and people I desire to express my deepest sympathies.

To help relieve the suffering of the victims of the disaster the Canadian Government is dispatching to Brazil by Royal Canadian Air Force plane approximately 34,000 pounds of powdered milk and 6,000 pounds of canned meat. It is my sincere hope these supplies will help to alleviate in some degree the distress of the persons afflicted, and that the fires which are causing such havoc will soon be brought under effective control."