

\$2,130,500,000 for 1950.

Sales or exports to the U.S. were estimated at \$210,800,000, with the 10-month total at \$1,928,000,000, slightly below the total of \$2,050,600,000 for the whole of last year.

However, Britain's heavier demand for essential goods came to the aid of Canada's export picture, helping to whittle down the U.S. deficit by about \$150,000,000.

Despite Britain's shortage of dollars, Canada's traditional favorable balance with the U.K. was maintained.

The surplus in trade with the U.K. totalled \$31,500,000 in October -- the highest since October, 1949 -- bringing the 10-month total to \$143,700,000, more than double the \$68,300,000 balance for 1950.

Navy Chief's Press Conference: Ottawa, December 17 (CP) -- Major role of the R.C.N. under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is anti-submarine warfare, Vice-Admiral E.R. Mainguy said today.

The Admiral, who this month took over command of the R.C.N. and who two years ago wrote the "Mainguy Report" on the Navy's internal problems, said at a conference in the Parliamentary Press Gallery that he, as Chief of the Naval Staff, is "against" any R.C.N. activity or development which does not have to do with anti-submarine work or the defence of harbors.

At today's conference, he said Canada's naval role had been discussed at NATO conferences, and it was generally considered that Canada's main responsibility is anti-submarine work.

He also said that the Navy, now about 12,000 strong, plans to expand to about 21,000, and that the pace will be geared with the production of 14 anti-submarine escort vessels, first of which was launched recently near Montreal.

Approve Agricultural Products Board: Ottawa, December 18 (CP) -- Continuance in 1952 of government floor prices for eggs and bacon was announced to the House of Commons yesterday by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gardiner.

He said the Government will continue to buy any eggs offered at the year-end at 38 cents a dozen for grade "A" delivered in Montreal and bacon Wilshire sides at \$32.50 a hundredweight.

Mr. Gardiner made his announcement as the Chamber considered legislation, later adopted, to establish an Agricultural Products Board to handle government bulk purchasing of farm products.

U.S. Travel Dollar Harder To Attract: Ottawa, December 17 (CP) -- D. Leo Dolan, director of the Canadian Travel Bureau, said today competition for the U.S. travel dollar is at its toughest point in history.

Addressing a luncheon meeting of the Editors and Public Relations Group of the Professional Institute, Mr. Dolan said, "The travel industry still ranks third as a source of U.S. dollars but every year Canada has to work harder to attract them."

Across Canada: More than 700 immigrants from Europe will spend Christmas in Government immigration quarters at Quebec, it was announced yesterday by immigration authorities. A Christmas tree has been set up in the main hall of the immigration building and presents will be opened by children of immigrant families Sunday.... Supreme Court of Canada yesterday ordered a new trial in the \$100,000 slander and libel action launched against Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan by Walter Tucker, the Province's Liberal leader. By unanimous decision it dismissed the appeal of Mr. Douglas and upheld the ruling of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal which had ordered a new trial.... Canada's production of feed grains for livestock is expected to reach a near-record total of 20,300,000 tons in the current crop year, but there still are shortages in some areas....