

**NIAGARA TREATY RATIFIED:** The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, made the following statement on October 10:

"The Treaty regarding Uses of the Waters of the Niagara River, which was signed in Washington on February 27, 1950, came into force at 3:00 p.m. today when the formal instruments of ratification were exchanged in Ottawa by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Louis S. St-Laurent, and the United States Ambassador, the Honourable Stanley Woodward.

"The Treaty contains provisions designed to protect and enhance the scenic beauty of the Falls by the construction of remedial works and provides for the more efficient use of the waters of this river thereby increasing the potential hydro-electric power available at Niagara Falls for use in both countries. It was approved by the Canadian Parliament on June 19, and by the Senate of the United States on August 9, 1950, with a reservation concerning construction of the works in the United States, which was accepted by the Canadian Government."

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**NATIONAL NOTES**

Mr. M.J. Coldwell, C.C.F. Leader and member of the Canadian Delegation to the UN, was reported in Ottawa as saying that Delegates to the current United Nations meetings in New York agree there is a better feeling in the General Assembly than at any time since 1946.

"I think this is due to the fact that more than 50 of the 60 nations who are members of the world organization have shown a determination to prevent further aggression and to endeavor to so arrange the powers of the Assembly and of the Security Council that peace may be preserved," he said.

It was reported from Paris on October 10 that Canada and France had completed two days of talks designed to increase trade between them. The official communiqué did not say whether any progress had been made.

George Hainsowrth, former ace goal-tender in the National Hockey League, was killed in an automobile collision near Gravenhurst, Ontario, on October 11.

**BUSINESS**

New motor vehicle sales in August continued well above the 1949 level, but showed the usual seasonal decline from July. Increases over a year earlier in number of new motor vehicle sales financed remained higher than increases in sales, while financing of new vehicles continued to advance at a higher rate than used car financing. There were 32,371 new vehicles sold in August with a retail value of \$67,126,539 as compared with 18,561 units retailed for \$37,085,728 in August last year.

Department store sales increased seven per cent during the week ending September 30 as compared with the corresponding week last year, according to preliminary figures.

Production of 10 of 16 of Canada's leading minerals was higher in July than in the same month last year, while in the first seven months of this year, output advanced in all but two of the 16 items.

Production of wheat flour in Canadian mills in August amounted to 1,713,860 barrels, showing an increase of 34 per cent over the July total of 1,278,865 barrels, but was practically unchanged from the August, 1949 output of 1,713,571 barrels.

The volume of revenue freight loaded on Canadian railways continued to increase in the week ended September 30, reaching a record for the week of 90,976 cars against 90,307 in the preceding week and 89,614 cars in the same week last year.

**\$10,000,000 U.S. ORDER FOR GUNS:** An order for 3-inch/50 calibre naval guns, valued at approximately \$10,000,000 has been placed with Sorel Industries Limited, Sorel, Que. by the Canadian Commercial Corporation on behalf of the United States Navy, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, announced on October 11. This order will be in addition to a contract, valued at approximately \$2,100,000, placed on behalf of the Royal Canadian Navy earlier this year.

"This is concrete evidence that the policy of reciprocal procurement of military equipment adopted by the Governments of Canada and the United States is operating. Under this agreement specialized industrial capacity will be utilized to meet the requirements of both countries", Mr. Howe said.