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U.N. Trade and Employment Conference: The Department of External Affairs Saturday announced the composition of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment which opens in Havana, Cuba, on November 21st. All members of the United Nations are invited to participate in the Conference which will have the task of giving final consideration to the draft charter for an International Trade Organization which was drawn up at the meeting of the Preparatory Committee held in Geneva from April to October 1947. The Canadian delegation will be as follows:

Head of Delegation:

Dana L. Wilgress, Minister of Canada in Switzerland;

Delegates:

C.P. Hebert, Counsellor, Department of External Affairs;

W.F. Bull, Director of Export Division, Department of Trade and Commerce;

F.A. McGregor, Chief Commissioner Combines Investigation Commission, Department of Justice;

A.W. Brown, Assistant Chief Dominion Customs Appraiser, Department of National Revenue;

Advisers:

S.J. Reisman, Department of Finance;

A.E. Richards, Department of Agriculture;

L.E. Couillard, Department of Trade and Commerce;

Secretariat:

R.W. Rosenthal, Secretary of the Delegation, Department of Trade and Commerce;

R.K. Henry, Department of External Affairs, Assistant Secretary to the Delegation.

Third Estimate of 1947 Field Crops of Canada: Canada's wheat crop is now placed at 340.8 million bushels as compared with the revised estimate of 413.7 million bushels for the 1946 crop, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Oat production for 1947 is estimated at 282.7 million (371.1 million in 1946); barley at 141.5 million (148.9 million in 1946); rye at 13.2 million (8.8 million in 1946); mixed grains at 35.7 million (53.0 million in 1946); and flaxseed at 11.5 million bushels (6.4 million in 1946).

The third estimates of wheat and coarse grains are, in general, moderately lower than the second estimates released on September 12. The wheat estimate has declined approximately 11.4 million bushels due chiefly to the very unsatisfactory harvesting and threshing weather experienced in northern sections of Saskatchewan and much of Alberta. The full effects of the mid-summer heat wave were probably underestimated, too, in earlier estimates for all three Prairie Provinces. Declines of 5.5 million bushels of oats; 9.8 million of barley, 0.9 million of rye and 0.2 million bushels of flaxseed largely attributable to similar factors.

For the Prairie Provinces the wheat crop is now expected to yield 319 million bushels as compared with the revised estimate of 393 million bushels in 1946.