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October Exports at High Level: Canada's merchandise export trade climbed to \$204,150,000 in October from the level of \$169,779,000 in September, but showed a decline of 10.5 per cent from the total of \$227,901,000 in October, 1945. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that during the first 10 months of the year the value of exported merchandise was \$1,868,094,000 against \$2,744,867,000 in the similar period of 1945.

An "outstanding feature" of October exports was a sharp advance in the export movement of wheat, which rose from \$9,110,000 in September to \$30,600,000. However the value of wheat exports was substantially below the figure of \$48,138,000 for October (last year when the movement was particularly heavy to meet the urgent food needs in Europe and elsewhere. Barley exports also were heavy, totalling \$4,228,000 compared with \$126,000 in September and \$1,641,000 last year. Exports of wheat flour rose to \$9,304,000 compared with \$10,831,000 in September, and \$8,021,000 a year ago.

Fish exports recorded marked expansion in October, increasing to \$10,085,000 compared with \$8,037,000 in September and \$6,073,000 a year ago. Meat exports at \$8,072,000 were also substantially in advance of the September value of \$7,210,000, but fell short of the October, 1945, evaluation of \$9,948,000. Further sharp advances were shown in the exports of newsprint, planks and boards, and large but more moderate increases in pulpwood and woodpulp.

Although Canada's aggregate domestic exports in October were not so high as last year, there is evidence of the restoration of many pre-war trade channels," the Bureau said. "October trade returns show that Canadian goods were destined to no fewer than 106 countries or groups of countries compared with 97 in October last year.

October exports to the United States were valued at \$99,085,507, including Canadian wheat to the value of \$13,477,061 for furtherance, final destination being unknown at the time of shipment. In October, last year, exports to the United States totalled \$88,438,319. Value for the first 10 months of this year was \$714,845,118 compared with \$1,006,815,121 in the same period of 1945. Value of merchandise exported to the United Kingdom in October was \$47,664,852 compared with \$56,320,970, and in the 10 months, \$480,261,296 against \$844,471,728.

China moved up to third position in October as a purchaser of Canadian goods, with a total of \$5,632,211 compared with \$1,004,906 a year ago, and a 10-month aggregate of \$35,080,784 compared with \$1,425,580. British South Africa was fourth with \$5,520,723 compared with \$2,975,560 last year, and \$53,888,093 in the 10 months compared with \$26,352,558. The total for France was \$5,078,948 compared with \$7,135,704 and British India \$4,161,173 compared with \$10,709,522.

Miners Give Union Strike Authority: President Freeman Jenkins of the United Mine Workers of America, District 26 (New Brunswick and Nova Scotia), has announced that an overwhelming majority of miners had voted to give the union executive the power to call a strike if necessary to enforce wage demands. No final vote totals were available.

The question asked in a pit head poll yesterday was: "Are you in favor of a strike if in the opinion of your district officers a satisfactory settlement of wage demands cannot be made?"

As a result union officials will open negotiations with mine operators tomorrow, armed with a strike mandate for the first time since the U.M.W. was recognized in Nova Scotia in 1917. (CP)

Canada to Continue Relief: The Canadian delegation to the UNESCO meeting at Paris has expressed the Dominion's willingness to continue aid to war devastated countries. The delegation said Canada was particularly interested in Norway and The Netherlands, but was ready to aid distressed children of any country. (CP)

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