

essential trade with you -- while we are waiting for Europe to recover sufficiently to permit us to resume our pre-war three-way pattern of trade.

Here, then, is an outstanding instance in which the relative positions of Canada and the United States are of importance to other countries as well as to ourselves. The aid we both can give is vital to European recovery. The assistance that may come to Canada -- as a by-product, as it were -- is of vital importance to us. And -- because we are far and away your best customer - our solvency is of vital importance to you.

CANADIAN CHAIRMAN OF I.R.O.: The United Nations announced today that Jean Désy, Canadian Ambassador to Italy, has been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of I.R.O.

FRENCH IMMIGRATION TO CANADA: The Minister of Mines and Resources, the Honourable J.A. MacKinnon, made the following announcement yesterday afternoon:

On September 9, at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Immigration Policy, it was decided to recommend to the Government that citizens of France should be admitted to Canada on the same conditions as now apply in the case of citizens of the United States and British subjects from the United Kingdom, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa.

This recommendation was accepted by the Cabinet today and the new policy was brought into immediate effect by Order-in-Council.

As a result of this action French citizens who wish to enter Canada as immigrants from France will be granted admission if they are in good health, of good character, and satisfy the immigration authorities that they are not likely to become a public charge.

GOLDEN BOOK OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS: At the direction of the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, the office of the Prime Minister made public yesterday the following information:

A few days before leaving for Europe, the Prime Minister, Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, received from Madame Le Clément de Saint-Marcq, Ghent, Belgium, a golden book containing the names of all Canadian soldiers buried in the cemetery of Adegem, near Ghent. The book is bound in dark red morocco embossed with gold designs. It is a large volume, 17" x 11". The first page contains the following dedication headed with the coat-of-arms of Canada and Belgium: "In Memoriam. The Mothers of Belgium to His Excellency The Honourable Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, in memory of Canadian soldiers fallen on the field of glory in Belgian soil."

The volume contains, in addition to the

names of Canadian soldiers resting in Adegem, the names of associations and groups, as well as the signatures of those people of Ghent who adopted the graves and who have agreed to decorate them with flowers. These include the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, the Central Committee of Veterans, the Municipality of Heist-an-see, the School of Arts and Trades, the School called "Sans nom, mais non sans cœur", the Institute of Ghent, the School of Commerce and Languages for Girls, the Belgian Textile Institute, the Technical Institute of Notre-Dame, the Belgian Canadian Friendship Committee of the University of Ghent, the Victor Carpentier School, the Commercial School for Girls, and others. The greater part of these associations prefaced the list of names which they adopted with a dedication and coloured artistic designs.

The Prime Minister wrote to Madame Le Clément de Saint-Marcq personally and thanked her in these terms:

"It is not possible to find words to express the thanks I should like to convey to you, both personally and on behalf of the Canadian people. Please believe that your devotion to the memory of our Canadian soldiers who gave their lives for freedom, and found a last resting place on Belgian soil, will be deeply felt by all the citizens of Canada. As Prime Minister, I wish, on behalf of those who lost their loved ones, to assure you of their gratitude to you personally, and to the Belgian people who have shown such great sympathy in their sorrow.

I feel that the golden book should be a national possession, and accordingly am transferring it to the Public Archives of Canada where it may be kept available for inspection by relatives of those whose sacrifice it records, and by other of our people."

As stated by the Prime Minister, the book has been sent to the Public Archives of Canada.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT: The trend of industrial employment at the beginning of July was decidedly upward, the Bureau of Statistics reported on September 15, general improvement in the situation being indicated in all provinces and in most of the manufacturing and non-manufacturing groups. While the expansion was seasonal in character, the percentage gain in Canada as a whole was slightly above the average for the time of year.

The 19,043 leading employers in the eight major industrial divisions co-operating in the Bureau of Statistics' monthly survey of employment and payrolls had increased their staffs at July 1 by 2.4 per cent as compared with a month earlier. This advance was accompanied by that of 3.7 per cent in their disbursements in weekly salaries and wages.