

HEADS OF MISSIONS: The Secretary of State for External Affairs on March 1 announced two appointments of Heads of Canadian Missions in Europe. Mr. George L. Magann, who is at present Canadian Ambassador in Greece, has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland, succeeding Dr. Victor Doré who has retired from the diplomatic service. Mr. T.W.L. Mac Dermot, who is at present the High Commissioner for Canada in South Africa, has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Greece.

Mr. George Loranger Magann was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1892 and was educated at the Royal Military College and the University of Toronto. He joined the Canadian Field Artillery in August 1914 and served with the 1st Canadian Division in France and Belgium until 1918. He was wounded and mentioned in despatches. After the war he established the firm of G.L. Magann & Co., and also served as a director of industrial corporations.

Mr. Magann joined the Department of External Affairs in 1941 as special assistant to the Canadian Minister in Washington, and subsequently served in Paris and Ottawa. He was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Greece in August 1949. Mr. Magann served as Canadian representative in the exchange of disabled prisoners of war at Barcelona and Gothenburg, 1944 and at Marseilles, 1945. He attended sessions of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Paris, 1945, the League of Nations Assembly, Geneva, 1946, and the Executive Committee and General Council of the International Refugee Organization, Geneva, 1950 and 1951.

Mr. Terence William Leighton MacDermot was born in Jamaica, British West Indies in 1896. A graduate of McGill and Oxford Universities, Mr. MacDermot taught at Lower Canada College and at McGill University, and was Principal of Upper Canada College from 1935-42. He served overseas in the First World War with the Canadian Army and in the Second World War was seconded to Royal Military College as Lieutenant-Colonel in charge of the Civil Affairs Staff Course.

Mr. MacDermot joined the Department in 1944 as special assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and in 1946 served on loan as special assistant to the United Nations Director of Personnel. He attended the UNESCO conference in London in 1945 and the United Nations General Assembly, New York, 1949. He was appointed High Commissioner for Canada in South Africa in August 1950.

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SHIPBUILDING: Canadian shipyards did \$82,757,815 worth of shipbuilding in 1952, more than in any year since 1945 and \$39,588,347 or nearly 92% more than in 1951, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports in its latest edition of The Shipbuilding Industry.

EXPORTS, IMPORTS OFF: Canada's foreign commodity trade fell off sharply in January, both exports and imports not only declining as usual from December values but dropping substantially below those of January last year, according to preliminary summary figures for the month released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The drop in value of exports exceeded that of imports.

Total exports in the month were valued at \$265,400,000, down from \$361,000,000 in December and \$55,900,000 or 17.4% below the value of \$321,300,000 for January last year. Commodity imports had an estimated value of \$281,900,000 as compared to \$338,800,000 in the previous month and \$327,800,000 a year earlier, making a decline of \$45,900,000 or 14% from January, 1953. The result was an increase in the estimated import surplus to \$16,500,000 as against one of \$6,600,000 last year.

Exports to the United States in January declined to \$160,100,000 from \$191,700,000 a year ago, accounting for over half of the total decline. Imports from the United States, however, showed a greater drop in value, falling to an estimated \$204,500,000 from \$249,200,000. The import surplus in trade with the United States was thus reduced to \$44,400,000 as compared to \$57,500,000 for January last year.

Commodity sales to the United Kingdom were also down to \$38,100,000 as compared to \$49,500,000 last year, while the estimated value of imports from the United Kingdom showed a smaller decrease to \$28,800,000 as against \$30,500,000, the month's export surplus being practically halved at \$9,300,000 compared to \$18,900,000 last year. Trade with other Commonwealth countries showed a similar trend, exports falling markedly to \$12,100,000 from \$17,300,000 and imports declining slightly to \$9,000,000 from \$9,400,000.

Exports to all remaining countries also fell to \$55,100,000 from \$62,800,000 last year, but imports were up to \$39,600,000 from \$38,700,000.

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\$500,000 TO U.N. CHILDREN'S FUND: The Canadian Government's contribution of \$500,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund for the year 1954, subject to parliamentary approval, was announced on March 1 by Mrs. D.B. Sinclair, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare, at the meeting of the Fund's Executive Board in New York. The Board normally meets at this time of year to receive reports on the activities of the Fund and to make allocations for future programmes.

The Canadian Government has already contributed \$8,375,000 to the Fund since its establishment. In addition, voluntary contributions from individuals in Canada of approximately \$1,500,000 have been sent to the Fund.