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Mr. Menzies joined the Department of External Affairs in July, 1940. He was posted to the Canadian Legation in Havana in April, 1945 as Second Secretary. He returned to Ottawa, and in May, 1946, was appointed head of the Far Eastern section of the American and Far Eastern Division. In April, 1949, he became Head of that Division.

Mr. Menzies was a member of the delegation to the Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in Colombo, Ceylon, in January, 1950.

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EXPORTS TO U.S. AT PEAK: Canada's domestic exports to the United States in September reached the highest monthly value in the history of Canada-United States trade, with gains spread throughout the nine main commodity groups. There was a marked advance also in exports to Latin America and small increases to Europe and British Commonwealth countries in Oceania. These gains were only partly offset by declines in the value of shipments to the United Kingdom and the remaining Commonwealth and Foreign countries, the total to all countries rising substantially above the two previous months and the average for the previous eight months.

Merchandise exports to the United States in September were valued at \$192,790,000, up from \$167,100,000 in August and nearly 70 per cent above the value of \$113,701,000 in the corresponding month last year. The high September total this year may be due to some extent to the movement of shipments delayed by the nine-day rail strike in late August. The cumulative total for the first nine months of the year moved up 40 per cent to \$1,433,083,000 as against \$1,024,304,000 a year earlier. Shipments to the United States accounted for 69 per cent of the total to all countries in September as against 49 per cent a year ago.

General gains were shown in the value of commodities shipped to the United States in September. The largest increase in the month was in the wood and paper group which rose from \$53,876,000 to \$100,626,000 -- much the highest monthly level ever reached. Other groups which rose substantially were: non-ferrous metals from \$13,451,000 to \$24,632,000; animals and animal products from \$17,840,000 to \$23,888,000; and iron and products from \$6,408,000 to \$12,745,000.

Exports to the United Kingdom were about two-fifths lower in the month, being valued at \$30,439,000 as against \$56,948,000 a year earlier, and in the nine months were down to \$344,069,000 from \$525,989,000. Declines among the commodities were almost general during September. Only two groups -- non-ferrous metals, and non-metallic minerals -- moved to higher levels than last year, but the former group was considerably less than in August.

Shipments to Commonwealth countries in

America were down in the month to \$2,563,000 from \$3,505,000, and to those in Africa were lower at \$3,483,000 from \$4,942,000. The decline in the latter was due for the most part to a reduction in exports to the Union of South Africa. To the Asiatic group of Commonwealth countries the total fell from \$6,979,000 to \$2,594,000. India and Pakistan and the Federation of Malaya accounting for most of the decline. Shipments to Oceania rose in the month from \$4,080,000 to \$4,510,000, exports to Australia being higher and those to New Zealand lower.

Exports to Latin American countries rose again in September (for the third month in succession) from \$8,708,000 a year ago to \$16,441,000, shipments to all major markets being higher in value.

September exports to foreign countries in Europe rose from \$17,847,000 to \$18,205,000, marked gains to Belgium and Luxembourg, and Italy, and declines to France, Germany, Norway and Sweden being the principal changes. Shipments to other foreign countries were lower in the month at \$6,193,000 against \$7,810,000.

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MR. CHEVRIER TO CIVIL AVIATION INDUSTRY

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, told a luncheon audience of the civil aviation industry at Montebello, Que. on October 31, that insofar as civil air transport is concerned, plans have already been blueprinted to "take care of problems as they arise" in the event of a national emergency.

Speaking before the largest gathering that an annual meeting of the Air Industries and Transport Association has ever attracted, Mr. Chevrier told the airlines operators that a national emergency would increase the demands on their facilities, and emphasized that maintenance of civil air services "would be essential to the national economy."

The Minister of Transport endeavoured to answer the many enquiries of the commercial air operators "who are wondering about the role of the airlines in relation to the growing emphasis on national defence". He attempted to answer such enquiries by indicating the lines which he thought would be followed.

"Transportation in time of war is of course a vital industry. Air transport becomes exceedingly important as the speediest means of communication in the rapid tempo of a wartime economy. Demands on most airline and regular services would probably increase rather than diminish, and the maintenance of these services would be essential to the economy."

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CANADA SAVINGS BONDS: Reports for eleven days of selling show payroll savings purchases of Canada Savings Bonds surging ahead for a total of \$97,166,500. Average application by employees was higher than ever before at \$235.70.