

Although contrasting with this marked upward trend a year ago, the drop last month was in keeping with the movement in 1947 and 1946. While some of the declines in exports in September from earlier months this year arise from irregular factors affecting supply and shipments, others appear directly to reflect reduced demands.

As a result of the decline of \$54,600,000 from September a year ago, the cumulative total for the nine months ending September this year fell slightly below last year's corresponding period, amounting to \$2,146,000,000 compared with \$2,158,200,000.

Shipments to the United States were down \$48,300,000 in September from a year earlier, accounting for most of the month's total decline, while total exports to other foreign countries were also \$8,300,000 lower.

French Ready To Export: French export industries are ready to supply pre-war French markets in Canada and the United States, and are able to compete with Britain in the sale of cars here despite higher customs duties, J. De Boissieu, Director of Trade Relations with the American continent in the French Government's Department of Finance and Economy, stated in Montreal on Wednesday, the Montreal Gazette reports.

Mr. Boissieu is visiting Canada to study new export possibilities for France. While in Montreal, he is the guest of Gérard Dubois, Commercial Attaché of the French Embassy at Ottawa.

Discussions On China: Ottawa, October 26 (CP) -- Mr. T.C. Davis, recalled from his post as Ambassador to China, is expected to head for New York in the fairly near future to help Canada's contingent when the United Nations debates the Chinese situation. He would also go on to Washington for conferences there.

External Affairs Minister Pearson headed back today to New York and the U.N.'s General Assembly in which he holds the key role of Chairman of the First or Political Committee. He did so without extended discussion with Mr. Davis on the Chinese Communists' request for recognition as the lawful Government.

It is quite possible that that discussion will take place in New York. In the meantime Mr. Davis is holding extended discussions with officials whose advice will be placed before Mr. Pearson.

Mr. Pearson returned to Ottawa Sunday with Prime Minister Nehru of India. He told the Commons yesterday no policy statement on China is possible until he has had a chance for full consultation with Mr. Davis.

Tax Grants For Municipalities: Ottawa, October 26 (CP) -- Finance Minister Abbott said today the Government will announce before the end of the current session of Parliament a grant-in-lieu-of-taxation formula for federal properties in municipalities across Canada.

Mr. Abbott was speaking on a Commons motion to vote the Government an additional month of interim supply.

Across Canada: M.J. Coldwell, C.C.F. Leader, speaking at a dinner last night, asked for federal grants to education....Three Canadians - a railroad conductor, a rubber worker and an office clerk - won prizes of \$77,500, \$31,000 and \$15,500 respectively in the Cambridgeshire Handicap Irish sweepstakes yesterday, the Press reported.