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U.N. Scientific Conference: The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced on July 15 that the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Scientific Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Resources, to be held at Lake Success from August 17 to September 6, will be headed by Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources, Dr. H.L. Keenleyside.

Authorized by decisions of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, the Conference is to be devoted to an exchange of ideas and experience on the techniques of resource conservation and utilization, their economic costs and benefits, and their inter-relations. The Conference will have no policy-making responsibilities. It will not bind governments nor will it formulate recommendations to them.

Members of the Canadian delegation will be:

Dr. G.S.H. Barton, Special Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture;

Dr. A.L. Pritchard, Director, Fish Culture Development, Department of Fisheries;

H.D. Fisher, Fisheries Research Board, Department of Fisheries; and four officials of the Department of Mines and Resources:

Dr. G.C. Monture, Chief, Mineral Resources Division;

A. Ignatieff, Fuels Division, Bureau of Mines;

George Tunstell, Dominion Forest Service;

I.R. Strome, Dominion Water and Power Bureau.

During the Conference, papers will be presented by representatives of the National Research Council, the Department of Mines and Resources, Fisheries and Agriculture, the Ontario Research Foundation, and Canadian universities and industries.

Dr. Keenleyside will present a paper reviewing the current world position respecting mineral supplies and needs at the opening meeting of the Conference.

10-Year Trade Survey: While the value of Canadian exports rose 267 per cent from 1938 to 1948, the physical volume rose only 73 per cent in the same period, measured by indexes of quantum and prices just completed by the Bureau of Statistics. Total value of imports rose by 290 per cent in the same period, while the physical volume rose 81 per cent.

In terms of currency, the physical volume of Canadian exports on the basis of constant 1938 dollars rose from \$848 million in 1938 to \$1,464 million in 1948, as compared with \$3,110 million for 1948 on the basis of current values. In the case of imports, physical volume rose from \$678 million in 1938 to \$1,223 million in terms of 1938 dollars, the latter comparing with the actual dollar value of \$2,637 million in the trade returns.

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