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Sharp Decrease In Exports: Attributing the decline mainly to contractions in the agricultural products and iron and iron products groups, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports Canada's merchandise export trade decreased in value to \$169,779,000 in September compared with the new monthly record for peacetime of \$242,685,000 in August and \$220,810,000 in September, 1945.

The aggregate value of merchandise exports in the first nine months of the year is \$1,663,944,000 against \$2,516,966,000 in the same period last year.

The September decline in value of agricultural exports was largely due to shipment of only \$11,591,000 worth of wheat compared with \$48,123,000 the previous year. Value of wheat flour exports was \$10,831,000 against \$7,140,000. Iron and its products declined from \$29,050,000 to \$10,842,000 largely because of small shipments of freight automobiles and automobile parts, which valued at \$2,704,000 was only a fifth of last year's figure. However, value of passenger car exports rose from \$12,000 to \$2,009,000.

Movement abroad of wood, wood products and paper continued heavy, the total being \$54,205,000 compared with \$44,052,000 a year ago.

The United States was Canada's leading customer, taking \$69,598,000 compared with \$84,837,000 a year ago and the United Kingdom was second with \$54,258,000 against \$58,820,000. British South Africa was the third heaviest purchaser with a total of \$6,034,000 against \$2,458,000. France came next with \$3,643,000 against \$4,083,000, followed by Newfoundland with \$3,354,000 against \$3,680,000, Australia \$3,291,000 against \$4,023,000, and China \$3,082,000 against with \$15,000.

Removal Of CBC Publishing Power Sought: John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for Lake Centre, Sask., says he intends to introduce at the next session a bill to remove from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation the "power it has to publish newspapers and periodicals."

Addressing a Saskatchewan party convention at Regina he said the CBC "might conceivably commence to exercise that power" with the extra \$2,000,000 granted to it by Parliament at the last session. (CP)

Prime Minister Impressed With Truman Address: Prime Minister Mackenzie King said he was "tremendously impressed" by the address delivered by President Truman at the opening of the United Nations General Assembly. "It was a very, very fine speech," he added. The Canadian Press says that, while no announcement has been made yet, it has learned Mr. King will visit the President at the White House during the weekend, returning to Ottawa Tuesday. (CP)

High Average Canada Savings Bond Sales: The cumulative total for seven days of Canada Savings Bond sales is \$117,265,000. On a basis of five days the individual average sale was \$761.27 compared with \$582.09 at the same stage of the Ninth Victory Loan Campaign.

New Deputy Chairman For Prices Board: K.W. Taylor has been appointed senior Deputy Chairman of the Prices Board and will become responsible for the active administration of the Board's daily work, enabling Chairman Donald Gordon "to devote more time to consideration of general policy." Mr. Taylor succeeds M.W. McCutcheon who has resigned. Mr. Taylor's former duties included those of Foods Co-ordinator, which are being assumed by Frank S. Grisdale, previously Deputy Co-ordinator.