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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEWFOUNDLAND: The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, announced September 1 the appointment of Mr. Charles J. Burchell, K.C., as High Commissioner for Canada in Newfoundland. A native of Nova Scotia and an eminent member of the Nova Scotia Bar, Mr. Burchell is well known in Newfoundland, where he served for three years as Canada's first High Commissioner. His new appointment will continue until Newfoundland becomes a part of Canada. The post was last held by Mr. J.S. Macdonald, now Canadian Ambassador to Brazil.

Mr. Burchell has also represented Canada in the same capacity in other Commonwealth countries. In November, 1939, he went to Australia as the first High Commissioner for Canada and served there for two years before going to Newfoundland. On leaving St. John's in 1944, he spent a year and a half as High Commissioner in South Africa. He resumed his private practice in Halifax in November, 1945.

Mr. Burchell has been a member of Canadian delegations at numerous international conferences. In 1931 he attended the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations at Shanghai, and in 1933 and 1938 he was in the Canadian delegation to the first and second British Commonwealth Relations Conferences. He was also a member of the Canadian delegation in 1929 to the Conference on the Operation of Dominion Legislation, which met to prepare the report that formed the basis of the Statute of Westminster.

The new High Commissioner to Newfoundland has a wide experience of official activities and is particularly familiar with the Canadian system of government and the working of its administration.

CANADA'S EXPORTS UP: Boosted by large sales of ships and vessels, Canada's export trade rose \$14,300,000 in July to reach a total of \$250,900,000 as compared with \$236,600,000 in the corresponding month last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was \$1,651,000,000 as compared with \$1,565,000,000 in the corresponding period of 1947, an increase of 5.5 per cent.

The month's figures show a further gain in exports to the United States, a continuation of the decline in the value of shipments to the United Kingdom, and augmented exports to Latin American countries as a whole. Outstanding among the commodity changes were declines in wheat, wheat flour, bacon and hams, and automobiles and parts, with marked advances in cattle, fish, eggs, wood pulp, newsprint, rolling mill products, and farm implements and machinery.

Continuing the high levels of exports to the United States, the July figure rose to \$118,930,000 from \$82,107,000 in the corresponding month last year, expanding the seven-month aggregate to \$764,980,000 from \$564,089,000 in the like period of 1947. Shipments to the United Kingdom declined for the third month in succession, amounting to \$56,340,000 as compared with \$69,442,000 a year ago, and in the seven-month period to \$415,709,000 as against \$422,083,000.

With substantial gains in exports to Brazil, Cuba and Mexico, exports in July to countries of Latin America rose in total from \$9,366,000 a year ago to \$11,152,000, but fell in the seven-month period from \$73,349,000 to \$70,348,000. Reversing the trend of recent months,