

"My colleagues and I are grateful to the Ministers of Finance and of Trade and Commerce and to the officials of their and other government departments concerned, who attended the Mont Tremblant meetings on behalf of Canada.

"I extend especially warm greetings to all the delegates of the other Commonwealth countries, and I am looking forward to meeting them here on Wednesday. I trust their stay in Canada has been a pleasant one, and I wish them, their advisors, and their staffs, Godspeed on their journey home."

UK-CANADA COMMUNIQUÉ

In a communiqué issued in Ottawa October 4, the United Kingdom and Canadian ministers said, in part:

"It was the agreed conclusion that an expansion in Anglo-Canadian trade is a primary object of policy of both Governments, and consideration was given to methods whereby this object can best be achieved. Among proposals discussed with this aim in view was the proposal of the United Kingdom ministers that this proposal involved not only the progressive removal of tariffs, but also a speedier reduction in the quantitative restrictions now applied by the United Kingdom against imports from Canada.

"It was also emphasized by the United Kingdom ministers that their proposal was a long-term one and not designed to come into full effect save over a period of 12 to 15 years. The United Kingdom ministers recognized that this proposal raised serious and complex problems and difficulties. In view of the long-term nature of the proposal the United Kingdom ministers did not ask the Canadian ministers for an expression of their views on the proposal. This ministers for both countries therefore addressed themselves to the immediate problem of expanding the beneficial two-way flow of trade between Canada and the United Kingdom.

"It was agreed that in a number of ways the Canadian Government can assist United Kingdom sales and earnings in Canada with full regard for the interests of Canadian producers, and can thereby assist, within the framework of existing United Kingdom policy and undertakings, towards the resolution of remaining United Kingdom restrictions against importations from Canada. These ways include:

- (a) a review of Government purchasing in Canada, with a view to encouraging and facilitating sales by United Kingdom manufacturers of goods now imported from non-Commonwealth sources;
- (b) a revision of the Canadian tariff relating to exemption of tourist purchases by Canadians making visits over-seas; and
- (c) a visit by a high-level trade delegation from Canada to the United Kingdom."

CIVIL DEFENCE DAY: Every province in Canada, every major municipality and thousands of Civil Defence volunteers across the country took part in the first National Civil Defence Day celebration October 4. Under the general sponsorship of Federal Civil Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, Civil Defence Day has grown from a limited observance to a concentrated campaign designed to further interest in the programme and increase public support.

Special demonstrations or exercises took place involving the 250,000 people now enrolled in the CD programme as well as thousands of others. National organizations such as the St. John Ambulance Association, the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association requested that their members across Canada lend every possible assistance to make the observance a success. Pharmacists in particular featured Civil Defence health supplies and first-aid equipment in their store windows. The Red Cross and St. John Association co-operated in a home nursing campaign and took part in various exercises highlighting the Civil Defence Health Services.

The opening of new Civil Defence Headquarters, evacuation exercises, the presentation of Civil Defence pins to new volunteers, public demonstrations highlighting particular Civil Defence services, municipal proclamations, radio and television panel discussions, special newspaper supplements and many other observances were featured by Civil Defence organizations as part of this national campaign.

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TAXATION AGREEMENT: Sir Arthur Fadden, KCMG, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer of Australia, and Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance of Canada, on October 1 signed an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Canada for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to income taxes.

The agreement was signed by the two Ministers in the Conference Hall of the Mont Tremblant Lodge where the Commonwealth finance ministers' conference took place. Mr. W.R. Crocker, Australian High Commissioner, and Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce of Canada, also participated in the signing ceremony.

The agreement provides generally that each country retains the right to tax income leaving that country, while at the same time undertaking to grant relief from taxation on income in respect of which a tax has already been imposed in the other country.

This agreement will come into force on the date on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.