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**U.S. Coal Strike Affects Canada:** The strike in United States soft coal mines has resulted in steps by the coal controller to conserve stockpiles in central Canada, which depends largely on United States sources for its industrial coal.

Reconstruction Minister Howe said that, in view of uncertainties created by the U.S. strike, the controller had issued a directive to commercial dock operators and industrial users in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence areas stating that no delivery of bituminous coal at a rate in excess of daily consumption requirements shall be made from a commercial dock to any industrial consumer who has on hand more than 20 days supply.

The directive applies to all industrial consumers who may receive supplies from docks in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence area whose requirements are more than one hundred tons a year.

"Lake vessels are still arriving at Canadian docks, and while our stocks of bituminous coal will fill immediate consumption requirements, it is necessary that certain restrictions in delivery be imposed to give assurance of a fair and equitable distribution," said Mr. Howe.

"The Coal Controller's directive is aimed at conservation of our stockpiles, taking in the long term view, as it is impossible to predict just how long the present situation will continue in the United States. Our interests are being watched very closely by Coal Control."

The Canadian coal outlook for this winter gave officials some worry during the previous U.S. strikes, but an unusually mild fall extended the lake shipping season and at the outset of the present strike stockpiles had returned almost to normal.

**McKinnon Says Trade Parley Useful:** H.B. McKinnon, head of Canada's delegation at the preparatory committee of the international trade conference, says he believes the committee had accomplished valuable work. He gave an interview in London on the eve of his departure for Canada.

"We feel that the preparatory committee sessions, now ending, have served a useful purpose and helped pave the way for a much more intricate and important stage opening at Geneva in the spring," he said.

Before the committee meetings the Canadian delegation took part in discussions with other Commonwealth representatives during which views on imperial preferences and similar subjects were exchanged. (CP)

**Predicts Housing Shortage Over in Five Years:** Maj.-Gen. H.A. Young, vice-president of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, says Canada's current housing shortage began in 1930 and it probably will be "four or five years more" before present needs are met.

Speaking before an Eastern Ontario Retail Lumber Dealers Association meeting in Ottawa, he said present needs were estimated at from 200,000 to 500,000 units and exact estimates were difficult because of the problem of slum classification and the fact many families now living "two to a house" might prefer such an arrangement. "But whether it's 200,000 or 500,000 it is an acute problem. The object of the Dominion is to provide 400,000 units in the next four or five years. If industry remains stable and prices remain under control it can be done...meanwhile it will be very hectic and critical." (CP)

**Dore Speaks at U.N.E.S.C.O.:** Dr. Victor Dore, head of Canada's delegation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, says U.N.E.S.C.O. should concentrate at first on short-term projects. He told the Paris meeting that Canada considers U.N.E.S.C.O. potentially one of the most valuable agencies of the United Nations. Dr. Dore, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Quebec, is Canadian ambassador designate to Belgium. (CP)

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