

Federal defence spending increased to \$1,152,000,000 from \$493,000,000 in 1950. For the second successive year, there was a substantial deficit on current international account. Exports of goods and services at \$5,100,000,000 fell short of imports by about \$600,000,000. However, large capital inflows kept reserves of foreign exchange and gold at a high level.

Rotation Plan For Korea: Ottawa, February 7 (CP) -- The rotation plan for 25th Brigade units in Korea will swing back into stride next month, the Army announced today. It should be completed by the end of June. The system started last fall when the 1st Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry replaced the 2nd Battalion, Canada's originals in Korea.

The rotation plan calls for return to Canada of all soldiers who have served for 12 months in the Far East. Soldiers in the units slated for replacement who are eligible, by virtue of their service, will be returned on a man-for-man basis on completion of 12 months overseas. The 2nd Battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Royal 22nd Regiment are to be replaced by the 1st Battalions of the same units. This changeover, starting in late March, will be carried out on a company group basis and is expected to be completed during May.

Mr. McIlraith Resigns One Post: Ottawa, February 7 (CP) -- The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, announced today that he has received the resignation of Mr. George McIlraith as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Defence Production, Mr. Howe.

Mr. McIlraith, 43-year-old Liberal M.P. for Ottawa East, wrote that he found the pressure of his duties as Parliamentary Assistant to two departments--he also is Assistant to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe--left him no time to meet other essential obligations.

Mr. McIlraith will continue as Parliamentary Assistant for Trade and Commerce.

Trans-Canada TV Planned: Windsor, Ont., February 7 (CP) -- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation plans eventually to extend television stations across Canada, A. Davidson Dunton, Chairman, said today. Long-term considerations are involved in the plan, he said, and no precise dates have been set. Presently-approved television stations at Toronto and Montreal, delayed because of the Korean war, were expected to be in operation by September, 1952.

Scientists Prove Two Elements: Ottawa, February 7 (CP) -- British and other scientists at Canada's Chalk River atomic project have proved that two elements which have long been assumed to exist in the table of elements actually do exist.

The National Research Council said today the new isotopes which have been identified "as a result of certain reactions" in Chalk River's reactor, or radioactive pile, are calcium-41 and actinium-229. Neither is expected to be of any use for practical purposes in industry or otherwise.

Across Canada: Ontario tobacco growers will reduce their base acreage by one-third this year the Marketing Board of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Association decided yesterday. It said later in a statement its decision was due to a decline in sales to the United Kingdom and to decreasing domestic sales as a result of what it termed "excessive taxation." ....The number of unemployed increased by 85,000 in the four weeks up to January 17, the Department of Labour said yesterday, but employment continued high....Beef prices in Toronto have dropped as much as 12 cents a pound for expensive cuts, and four cents on lower grades during the last week....Sir Allen Aylesworth, of Toronto, is probably the only Canadian to become a Queen's Counsel twice, the Canadian Press reports. Now, 97, in frail health, Sir Allen was first created a Queen's Counsel in 1889 under Queen Victoria.