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European Exports To Canada Down: The Canadian Press reported as follows this morning on the reported decline of European exports to the United States and Canada:

Geneva, July 27 -- (CP) -- Europe's balance of payments with North America fell off sharply during the first quarter of this year, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe reported today.

In its first-quarter survey of Europe's economy, the Commission said the economic recession in the United States "had no marked effect on the domestic economic situation of European countries."

Industrial production in Europe continued to rise at the same "exceptionally high rate" as during 1948, but there was also an increase in unemployment, reflecting "the continued relaxation of inflationary pressure."

European exports to the United States and Canada, which had been increasing steadily during 1948, declined by some 12 per cent during the first quarter of 1949, the report said.

At the same time, European imports from North America increased by some 10 per cent.

As a result, the quarterly deficit of the 10 major West-European exporting countries in their trade with the United States and Canada rose from \$794,000,000 in the fourth quarter of 1948, to \$949,000,000 in the first quarter of 1949.

"Available trade returns for April and May," the survey declared, "although too incomplete for conclusive analysis, indicate that in the second quarter of this year these difficulties were intensified."

Border Traffic: Highway traffic between Canada and the United States was eight per cent heavier in May than in the same month last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. There were increases of one per cent in the number of United States vehicles entering Canada and 29 per cent in the number of Canadian vehicles returning from the United States.

The aggregate number of border crossings in May was 816,300, consisting of 579,100 foreign entries and 237,200 Canadian vehicles returning. Of the foreign inflow, 154,000 vehicles entered on traveller's vehicle permits, 406,500 were non-permit or local entries, and 18,600 were commercial vehicles. The Canadian traffic comprised 23,500 units remaining abroad for more than 24 hours, 197,600 staying for shorter periods and 16,100 commercial vehicles.

Cumulative totals for the first five months of this year place highway border crossings at 2,757,300 as compared with 2,480,200 in the similar period a year ago, an advance of 10 per cent. As in May, a large part of the rise was due to increased volume of returning Canadian traffic, up from 653,500 a year ago to 863,000. In the same period, United States entries rose from 1,826,700 a year earlier to 1,894,300.

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