

DEATH OF MR. WRONG: Mr. Hume Wrong, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, died in Ottawa on January 24 at the age of 59. He was a familiar figure to most international diplomats because of his service on Canadian delegations to wartime and post-war conferences. He had served in London, Geneva and Washington, where he helped establish the first Canadian Legation and served seven years as Ambassador of Canada.

The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, issued the following statements of appreciation of Mr. Wrong's services:

Mr. St. Laurent: "I have learned with deep regret - personal and official - of the death of Mr. Hume Wrong. Canada has lost a great public servant and I shall miss a good and wise counsellor."

Mr. Pearson: "The Department of External Affairs, and indeed the public service of Canada, has lost one of its outstanding members in the passing of Mr. Hume Wrong.

"Since 1927, he has served his country with great distinction and devotion. No man has made a greater contribution to the building up of Canada's foreign service, or to the wise administration of Canada's foreign policies.

"He represented the finest type of public servant; one who, though of outstanding ability and great achievement, sought neither acclaim nor advertisement, content in the satisfaction that comes from work well done and duty honourably discharged.

"To me, he was more than an old and highly esteemed colleague. He was a close friend. Our friendship, indeed, has been unbroken from the days of the First World War, when he served gallantly at the front; through a teaching association at the University of Toronto, and right up to our last days together at Ottawa.

"It will not be easy to replace Hume Wrong in the service of Canada. It will be far harder to replace him in the hearts of those of us who knew him as a true and loyal comrade."

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IRON AND STEEL: Factory sales of pig iron, ferro-alloys, steel ingots and castings and finished rolled products were valued at a record \$504,000,394 in 1952, an 8.5% increase from \$464,587,486 in 1951, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports in the latest issue of The Primary Iron & Steel Industry. This was more than double the 1947 value of \$216,275,618 and over three times the 1946 value of \$153,082,616.

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Volume III of the Foreign Trade of Canada for the calendar year 1952 was released on January 22 by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. It contains final detailed statistics on imports by articles and countries of origin for the years 1950, 1951, and 1952.

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY RISE: Canada's aircraft production was valued at \$104,188,368 in 1952, over triple 1951's \$34,701,964 and 40 times the 1950 post-war low of \$2,666,348, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reveals in its latest edition of The Aircraft and Parts Industry. Topped only in the three war years 1943-5, the 1952 value exceeded the combined 1946-51 value of \$96,122,155 by more than 8% and was 74% more than the 1936-41 total of \$60,009,681.

In addition, the value of work done on planes not completed by the end of 1952 rose to \$64,656,323 as compared with \$39,109,841 in the preceding year, while the value of repairs to aircraft was \$22,321,416 against \$14,974,438. Aircraft parts produced were worth \$32,116,714 against \$16,960,234 in 1951, while the value of other products and of work done on developing aircraft and engines more than doubled to \$53,848,053 from \$24,274,984. Excluding the value of work done in the preceding year on completed aircraft - \$32,523,554 against \$12,833,383 in 1951 - total value of the industry's output was \$244,607,320 in 1952, a jump of 109% from \$117,188,078.

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AUTO SHIPMENTS SLUMP: Continuing the decline which started in September, factory shipments of Canadian-made motor vehicles slumped to a four-year monthly low in November, but substantial gains in earlier months of the year raised January-November shipments above the same period of 1952, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The month's shipments of made-in-Canada vehicles amounted to 19,931 units as compared with 35,898 in October, 31,340 in November, 1952, and 19,721 in November, 1949 (next lowest monthly output). Cumulative shipments in the January-November period were 445,879 units compared with 402,828.

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ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION UP: Production of electric energy by central electric stations in November climbed to 5,138,372,000 kilowatt hours from the preceding year's corresponding total of 4,804,931,000 according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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NEW OIL PIPE LINE: With the official opening of the Trans-Mountain Oil Pipe Line Company's main line (718 miles in length) between Edmonton, Alberta and Burnaby, adjoining Vancouver, British Columbia, total deliveries of oil through Canada's pipe-line system in October rose to 12,925,109 barrels from the preceding year's October total of 10,847,742. Cumulative deliveries in the January-October period increased to 119,985,808 barrels, an increase of 38% over the 86,907,484 barrels delivered a year earlier.