

Another irregularity occurred in the Government's unemployment insurance Commission where six employees were dismissed because they falsified travelling accounts. The money involved, \$1,197, was recovered.

The world's debt to Canada amounted to \$1,923,783,302 after an increase during the last fiscal year of \$77,768,393.

The United Kingdom was the biggest borrower with a total \$1,-346,994,760 outstanding; France came next with \$245,050,000; The Netherlands with \$118,136,572; and then followed Belgium, China, Romania, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Indonesia, Russia and Greece....

Facilitate Trade With Italy: Trade between Canada and Italy may be carried on in future on either a United States dollar or a Canadian dollar basis, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, announced on October 31.

Heretofore exporters shipping to Italy have been required to obtain payment in U.S. dollars. Under arrangements made with the Italian authorities, Italy is being designated as a "special arrangement" country as from November 1. Consequently Canadian dollars will also be acceptable in payment for exports to Italy.

The arrangements also will enable Canadians to obtain permits through their banks for the expenditure of any reasonable amounts of Canadian dollars for travel to Italy.

Examine Refugees In Cork: The Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson, announced on October 31 that, due to the kindness of the Government of Ireland, an arrangement has been made whereby the refugees on the motor vessel "Victory" now at Cork en route from Sweden to Halifax will be examined by Canadian immigration officers at Cork.

Those refugees found acceptable will be granted immigration visas, and those refused visas will not come forward, Col. Gibson said. The Irish Government will extend all possible assistance to the Canadian officers conducting the examinations.

The purpose of the arrangement is to prevent lengthy detention at Halifax and the hardship involved in returning inadmissible immigrants to Europe, the Minister stated.

Three hundred and seventy-two people, including 96 children ranging in age from four weeks to sixteen years, left Sweden on September 26 aboard the 316-ton "Victory", whose normal capacity is between 50 and 60 passengers. The vessel, which arrived in Cork on September 1, was prevented from leaving the Irish port because it was considered unseaworthy.

ICAO Montreal Meeting: The writing of specifications for a system of aerodrome approach and runway lighting designed to lead a pilot safely on to a runway during adverse conditions of weather and visibility will be one of the objectives of the Fourth Session of the International Civil Aviation Organization's Aerodromes, Air Routes and Ground Aids Division, which meets here on November 1.

Brig. Clark's Appointment: Appointment of Brigadier S.F. Clark, CBE, as Canadian military representative on Atlantic Pact organization in the United Kingdom has been announced on October 29 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton.

Brig. Clark will head the Canadian Joint Staff in London and will represent the Canadian Chiefs of Staff on the Military Committee of the Western European group. He will be appointed in the acting rank of major-general.

Across Canada: Hugh A. Reynolds won the Ontario provincial by-election in Leeds constituency on October 31 defeating a Liberal opponent by an emphatic majority as he retained the seat for the Progressive Conservative Government. Mr. Reynolds received 10,756 votes to 8,063 for Ernest Millar, his Liberal opponent in the two-way contest.... A series of Geiger counters have been developed by the National Research Council since 1943 for use in locating uranium ore, the National Research Council announces.