

## TARIFF CUTS ANNOUNCEMENT ON CANADA'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. Robert Winters, Minister of Trade and Commerce, said in Halifax recently that a detailed analysis of the benefits Canada had gained in the "Kennedy round" of tariff negotiations would be made public on the day the final bargaining results were announced.

That day would probably be July 1, Canada's hundredth birthday, Mr. Winters added.

"I am as anxious as you are to ensure that the new trade concessions resulting from the 'Kennedy round' are made known in detail to Canadian exporters as quickly as possible," the Minister told an 'Operation Export 1967' lunch meeting. "If Canada is to reap the full benefit of these successful negotiations," Mr. Winters said, "it is essential that Canadian industry should, as soon as possible, be in a position to develop their production and marketing programmes so as to exploit these new opportunities.

"Also, it is important that the price to be paid through reduced Canadian tariffs to gain these concessions should become public knowledge as early as possible", he went on. "But the tariff cuts that have now been negotiated can not be made public by any of the governments involved until a date to be agreed, probably around July 1."

### FIVE-YEAR PROGRESSION

"Of crucial importance", the speaker continued "is the date on which these tariff cuts will take effect in Canada, and in our export markets. The timing of this is still under consideration in Geneva, but it would appear these tariff changes will become progressively available over a period of five years starting, at the earliest, on January 1, 1968."

"The period between now and June 30 will be fully taken up, both in Geneva and in government departments at home, in the complex and time-consuming task of translating the results achieved, covering many thousands of tariff items, into precise legal and final texts," Mr. Winters said. "It is only after this essential procedure has been accomplished that the formal 'Kennedy round' agreements can be signed by governments and the detailed results announced."

### BENEFITS FOR ALL

When it could be revealed, the outcome of these negotiations would be seen to be highly favourable for Canada's exporters, Mr. Winters said.

"All sectors of the Canadian economy will benefit, including all our major traditional exports of forest products, metals, fisheries and agriculture," he said.

"New wide-ranging export opportunities," continued the Minister, "will be made available for our secondary manufacturing industries, paving the way to economies of scale, increased specialization and improved efficiencies so important to our industrial performance."

Mr. Winters said that the results and their impact on Canada would be spelt out for the Canadian business community and the Canadian public.

The Trade and Commerce Minister has instructed officials of his Department to prepare a detailed analysis of all the concessions obtained by Canada in foreign markets which are of interest to Canada's present or potential export trade.

"This detailed analysis will be made public on the same date as the formal announcement of the 'Kennedy round' results," he said.

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## CENTENNIAL MEDICAL FILM

The history of the medical profession in Canada is the subject of a centennial film entitled *A Century of Canadian Medicine*, produced by the Canadian Medical Association to show Canadians the commitment of the profession to the improving of the nation's health and the work done to that end, and to encourage young people to share this commitment.

From the opening scene which shows a doctor attending a pneumonia patient in 1867, the film moves through the development of medicine and research in cardiac surgery, poison control, care of premature babies, psychiatry, neuro-surgery, cancer and the cobalt bomb and polio vaccine. The final scene shows the same patient with a modern doctor receiving modern pneumonia treatment.

### TRIBUTES

Included in the film are tributes to such Canadian medical men as Sir William Osler, Sir Frederick Banting and Dr. Charles Best, Dr. Norman Bethune, Dr. Wilder Penfield and Dr. William Franks. Other sequences show the stages of medical development during the past century.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, Minister of Transport, recently said that a permanent advisory staff of experts in telecommunications, to be called the Government Telecommunications Policy and Administration Bureau, is being established within the Department of Transport. The Bureau would fill a need for more formal recognition and reinforcement of the Department's telecommunications capabilities because of, among other factors, very rapid technological advances, including satellite communications, global telephone networks and various television and data link relay requirements, Mr. Pickersgill said.

Recommended by the GLASSCO Commission, the Bureau will develop, co-ordinate and recommend, for appropriate ministerial or government consideration, broad telecommunications plans and policies, both national and international, which take cognizance of the public interest and enhance the orderly development of telecommunications in Canada. In addition, it will incorporate, on a continuing basis, administration of telecommunications legislation such as the Radio Act.