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Senator Macdonald Solicitor-General: Ottawa, Jan. 14 -- Senator W. Ross Macdonald, Government Leader in the Senate and former Speaker of the House of Commons, has been appointed Solicitor-General of Canada, Mr. St. Laurent announced yesterday.

Exports To Red Countries Halved: Ottawa, Jan. 13 (CP) -- Canada's export trade to Communist-dominated Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria in the first nine months of 1953 was only about half the value of her exports in the full year of 1952, the House of Commons was informed today.

Exports in 1952 totalled \$519,590 in value and in the first nine months of 1953, \$281,499.

Canada has trade agreements with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Communist China but not with Hungary and Bulgaria.

The Trade Department said in the return there was no trade in the first nine months of 1953 with Communist China, adding that exports previously were not recorded. No shipments of aluminum have gone to these Communist countries since 1950 when Poland, Czechoslovakia and China received a total of \$1,731,112 worth of the strategic metal.

Candidates' Election Costs: Ottawa, Jan 13 (CP) -- Biggest amount spent by a candidate in the Aug. 10 federal election was the \$22,113.09 put up by René Gobeil, Progressive Conservative, in Quebec-Montmorency. Wilfred Lacroix, Liberal, who spent \$3,890.75, was elected.

Largest amount spent by a successful candidate was \$19,909.30 for re-election of Finance Minister Abbott in Montreal St. Antoine-Westmount.

These and other figures were given today in a parliamentary return on election expenses for Stanley Knowles (CCF - Winnipeg North Centre).

Of the some 900 candidates who ran in the election, 133 have not filed figures on their election expenses, 85 of these in Quebec. Altogether, the candidates spent some \$2,500,000.

Grant MacDonald, defeated Progressive Conservative candidate in Antigonish-Guysborough, reported that he had absolutely no expenses. Least amount recorded outside of this was the \$18 spent by Ross Pope, defeated CCF candidate in Middlesex West.

Mr. St. Laurent spent \$3,187.10 in Quebec East; Mr. Drew, Progressive Conservative Leader, \$5,600 in Carleton, Mr. Coldwell \$2,717.66 in Rose-town-Biggan; and Mr. Low, Social Credit Leader, \$1,757.28 in Peace River.

Destroyer Iroquois On Way Home: Ottawa, Jan. 13 (CP) -- The destroyer Iroquois, only Canadian war ship to suffer fatal casualties during the Korean war, is on her way home for the second time.

The Navy announced today the Iroquois will have logged about 48,000 miles during her second Korean tour when she arrives at Halifax early in February. She left Canada last April.

The Iroquois' homeward journey will complete a round-the-world trip. Her ports of call will include Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Malta, Gibraltar and the Azores.

Most of the Iroquois' second tour in Korean waters was spent on patrol duty but she also assisted in evacuation of the United Nations-held Chodo Island after the armistice last July.

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