

*Trade Agreement with Japan*

determining the level at which such values should be applied, Canada will take into account the prices of like or directly competitive products imported from other countries.

Under the agreement either country may temporarily impose discriminatory import and exchange restrictions, if such restrictions are required on balance of payments grounds. However, such restrictions must not discriminate between Canada and other dollar countries or other countries with convertible currencies. The government of Japan has also undertaken, subject to certain agreed exceptions, to accord Canada unconditional non-discriminatory treatment in relation to any other country with respect to import and exchange controls on the following nine commodities: wheat, barley, woodpulp, flaxseed, primary copper, lead in pigs, zinc spelter, synthetic resins and milk powder.

The agreement also provides for non-discrimination in state trading practices. Both countries undertake to conform to internationally accepted fair trade practices, particularly in matters pertaining to trade marks, marks of origin and rights under patents. They also undertake to co-operate in the prevention of any practices which might prejudicially affect their mutual trade and to accord sympathetic consideration to any representations that the other country may make.

The two countries have agreed that the provisions of this agreement continue to be applicable in the event that the general agreement on tariffs and trade is applied between Canada and Japan.

As I have indicated, this agreement will enter into force on its ratification by both countries. A resolution for approval of ratification will be introduced in the house as soon as possible.

**Mr. Donald M. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of this treaty may I ask the minister when copies of the agreement will be made available to members? Is it a document of such length that it could be printed as an appendix to today's proceedings or is it one that will be printed in the ordinary treaty series? If so, could we have some assurance that the printing will be expedited so there will be printed copies available as soon as possible?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** I shall inquire as to whether it can be printed as an appendix to *Votes and Proceedings*. If not, I will see that printed copies are available as soon as possible.

[Mr. Howe (Port Arthur).]

**Mr. Fleming:** Can the minister give the house any indication as to when it is proposed to submit the treaty to the house for ratification, in the light of its importance? I take it from what the minister has said that the treaty will not come into effect until ratified by parliament. Can the minister then indicate when it will be submitted to the house?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** Under the British system the agreement has been ratified by signature on behalf of the government of Canada. However, approval of the house will be sought on the action that the government has taken. The ratification referred to is ratification by the Diet in Japan.

**Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia):** I take it from the minister's announcement that Japan agrees to buy minimum quantities of Canadian grain. If so, what are those quantities?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** Any reference to minimum quantities of grain is, Mr. Speaker, apart from the treaty itself.

**Mr. Argue:** Will there be an exchange of notes or other steps taken in regard to minimum purchases of grain?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** I have already said we have assurances that are satisfactory to the Canadian government as to the future quantities of grain to be purchased by Japan.

**Mr. Fleming:** In view of what the minister has said as to the treaty having come into effect now, I go back to the question I asked and which he has not yet answered as to how soon it is intended to submit the treaty to the house, along with the proposed resolution to which reference was made?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** I hope that the resolution can be put on *Votes and Proceedings* today, and as soon as the program of the house will permit I presume there will be a discussion here. That is for the house leader to determine.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, March 30, 1954

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber on Wednesday, the 31st March, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,  
sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. F. Delaute,  
Secretary to the Governor General  
(Administrative)