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Monday, June 13, 1955.

Mr. Howe Predicts Year of Prosperity: Ottawa, June 10 (CP) -- Mr. Howe said tonight that 1955 "will probably be the most prosperous year in Canada's history."

Mr. Howe made his optimistic prediction in a broadcast over CBC. A similar statement was made by Transport Minister Marler, speaking in French on another CBC network.

"I have no doubt that there are going to be some ups and downs in business, but I think we are going to continue moving forward here in Canada," Mr. Howe said.

He said that in the six-month period ended last March 31 Canada exported more goods than in any corresponding period before. In the first four months of the year, exports were \$144,000,000 above those of a year earlier.

Mr. Howe also referred to a measure before Parliament to provide special tariff protection against dumping in Canada of government-subsidized goods. He said he supports the proposal, adding it does not depart from Government free-trade policies.

"The effect of the bill will be to apply duties offsetting in full the subsidy in the event that our Government may decide that such an import will adversely affect normal Canadian trade. . . .

"It is by protecting our home market against abuses of this kind that we are able to maintain our liberal trade policies."

The measure was in conformity with the International Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the international pact to reduce tariffs and set trade rules.

Mr. Howe said GATT has been "one of the most successful efforts at international co-operation."

There had been setbacks and Canada was by no means satisfied with the progress achieved.

"There are still too many restrictions in external markets against Canadian goods. Efforts by the United States to dispose of surplus agricultural commodities are disturbing normal commercial markets for our produce, particularly wheat." . . .

Wheat Situation Now Hopeful: Ottawa, June 10 (CP) -- Prairie farmers may beat the devastation of spring floods and produce a better-than-average wheat crop this year.

Federal grain men said today the chances of a bumper crop have brightened with reports of warm weather sweeping over Prairie fields helping farmers complete seeding probably by the end of this week.

At May 31, the Prairie producers still had about 12 per cent of their intended 22,800,000 acres of wheatland to seed. Usually by that time, seeding is completed in a normal year. But Western farmers are getting accustomed to late crops. They had one last year which was badly damaged by a rust epidemic but they also had one in 1953 which turned out a near-record harvest.

Late crops increased the dangers of damage by rust and frost. But Western fields this year are heavy with moisture and if the sun keeps beating down with its present strength, the combination of sun and moisture will help speed prairie growth.

Besides, farmers have more protection against rust with wider distribution of the rust-resistant Selkirk wheat. . . .

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