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**Hydro Shortage Becoming Serious:** Thomas H. Hogg, chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, told a press conference yesterday that the power shortage in southern Ontario has reached such serious proportions that rationing similar to that during the war may have to be introduced. The reasons were an "inability to expand during the war; lack of labour and materials with which to construct new sources of supply, and an increased demand following the war."

Meanwhile, Mayor R.H. Saunders of Toronto called a special conference between the Board of Control and the Toronto Hydro Commission to discuss the advisability of re-introducing daylight saving time during the winter as a conservation measure. He said it was estimated the time change might save 25,000 kilowatt hours, eight per cent of the city's power load. He added that street signs, Christmas decorations and electric heating also might have to be curbed. (CP)

**Noranda Strike Situation More Hopeful:** Representatives of the Noranda Mines, Ltd., and striking union members have agreed to meet with officials of the Dominion Labour Department in Ottawa following a mediation offer by Deputy Labour Minister Arthur MacNamara. About 1,000 employees have been idle for 13 days and today's meeting in the capital will mark the first time the two parties have been brought together for discussion since the dispute began. (CP)

**Discuss Trade Fair Plans:** Trade Minister MacKinnon held a luncheon today for commercial representatives of foreign countries accredited to Canada during which plans for the International Trade Fair to be held in Toronto May 31 to June 12, 1948, were discussed. A special brochure, expected to be ready for distribution early in 1947, will contain detailed information concerning exhibits, space rates, rules and regulations governing exhibits and exhibitors.

**New Canadian Freighter in Trial Run:** The new Canadian National Steamships passenger and freight steamer, Canadian Challenger, attained a speed of over 17 knots in her trial run in the St. Lawrence. Designed for the West Indies trade, the 7,500-ton vessel was built at Lauzon, Que., at a cost of \$3,000,000. She will carry a crew of 49. (CP)

**Gleanings:** Cardinal Villeneuve, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec, has been discharged as a patient from Misericordia Hospital in New York where he was treated for a heart ailment and soon will leave for Florida to recuperate.... Navy minesweeper Middlesex aground on a reef near Halifax since Monday is feared lost, but a breeches buoy has been rigged and her crew of 22 are not believed in danger.... L.B. Pearson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, will attend the final meeting of U.N.R.R.A. at Washington next week.... The cost-of-living index advanced from 126.8 on October 1 to 127.1 on November 1, which compares with 119.9 on November 1, 1945.... The last of 35,000 German prisoners of war at one time kept in Canadian camps, a group of 2,200, will leave Halifax December 22.