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Mackinnon Explains Trade Situation: In his second address of Foreign Trade Week, Trade Minister Mackinnon said "I feel that at no time in the last 15 years or more have we had such firm ground as we now have for hoping and believing that the revival of international trade will have the benefit of sincere, strong, persistent and united support in place of feeble and disjointed efforts."

Speaking before the Canadian Exporters' Association in Toronto last night, Mr. Mackinnon said world commerce had never recovered, except to very limited extent, "from the demoralizing decline that set in 16 or 17 years ago." Progress toward reviving trade before the war was "pitiably small" and in terms of United States dollars it amounted to only \$28,000,000,000 in 1938 compared with \$69,000,000,000 in 1929.

The war caused another "terrific setback" and world commerce now was subject to "probably the most formidable system of trade control and restriction that the modern world has ever seen." However, at London and succeeding conferences, the major trading nations "are getting together in a sincere and carefully planned effort to do something . . . commensurate with the greatness of the purpose that must be achieved."

Respecting Canada, he said a first glance at Canadian export figures for the first nine months of 1946 may contain "something of a shock" since there has been a falling off of roundly \$850,000,000 . . . compared with those of the same period in 1945." This "enormous shrinkage . . . is not as serious as it sounds." It means that Canada has "said goodbye to the almost fantastic scale of exports" during the war when munitions-boosted exports amounted to \$3,000,000,000 or more annually.

By any peace-time standard Canadian exports were at a "very high level" and for the first nine months of 1946 reached \$1,660,000,000 against an average of \$614,000,000 for a similar period of the last five pre-war years. He added that there had been "no pronounced change at all in the total value of Canada's imports."

To obtain a "firm footing" in future export business with Britain and western Europe, Canada would have to buy more from those countries and "during the coming year, no feature of Canadian trade is likely to command greater interest than the trend of our purchases, especially from the United Kingdom and also from the group of western European countries."

Martin Gives Canada's View on refugees: Hon. Paul Martin, Secretary of State, has outlined Canada's position on refugees in a debate before the United Nations General Assembly's committee on social problems. He said Canada was anxious to see an international refugee organization created immediately, was willing to pay its share of the cost and had proved a willingness to accept displaced persons as settlers.

He referred to Prime Minister Mackenzie King's announcement on refugees Thursday and said that no further categories of refugees could be admitted to Canada until the housing situation improved and refugees could be provided with adequate shelter against "the rigorous nature of our climate during the winter months."

Mr. Martin said he believed agreement had become "very general" on four major points:

- A. The problem of refugees is an international responsibility;
- B. Voluntary repatriation should be carried out to the fullest possible extent.
- C. No genuine refugees, as distinguished from a war criminal, should be forced to return to his country of origin against his will;
- D. No aid should be extended to war criminals, quislings or traitors.

Wrong Presents Credentials at Washington: Hume Wrong, newly-appointed Ambassador to the United States, presented his credentials to President Truman yesterday, saying the relationship between Canada and the United States is "unique among sovereign nations," and he doubted that "the interests of any two countries touch in so many points, small as well as great." Mr. Truman replied that the importance of the relationship between the two countries and the "unparalleled . . . productive friendship . . . cannot be too often re-affirmed."