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**Gordon Warns of Dangers of Immediate De-Control:** Prices Board Chairman Donald Gordon, in his second broadcast in a series explaining the Canadian price control situation, warned Canadians last night that immediate de-control would mean a rapid increase in prices of most of the basic foods which would "pretty definitely" be followed by a "serious" collapse.

"Mind you this doesn't mean that we won't have controlled price adjustments from time to time as we get on with the job of cutting out subsidies and freeing trade from wartime restrictions. But, as I have said, the effort will be to prevent disorderly conditions in our domestic markets and not to follow the excesses of other countries," he said.

"Stable prices are much more in the best interests of our producers and consumers alike than are rapidly rising and falling prices with all the uncertainties and speculation which go with them."

Explaining policies of the Board, Mr. Gordon said the "payment of large emergency subsidies could not be justified in a normal peacetime economy." Their removal means some price rises such as those in milk and canned goods. However, some "important" subsidies still were being paid—equal to 8½ cents a pound on butter, 15 to 25 per cent on bread prices and those on dried fruits, oils and fats, the removal of which would bring price increases of 40 to 50 per cent. Payment of subsidies which reached \$130,000,000 in 1945 now was at an annual rate of \$90,000,000.

During the war, in order to make sure Canada got a fair share of supplies, the Board did business directly with many countries, buying in bulk such things as sugar, tea, coffee, cocoa, spices, vegetable oils, citrus fruits, bananas and rice. Wartime conditions made it impossible for individual importers to obtain these supplies and purchases of large quantities also were made at better prices than individual importers could obtain.

These bulk purchases meant government control of imports and distribution, in effect a form of rationing which operated "most effectively." As normal trading resumes, these controls would be discontinued gradually, but some government organization would be needed to deal with such things as sugar "perhaps for some years."

In spite of irritating shortages, such as lard and its substitutes, "Canadians are consuming more and better balanced food than at any time in our history and they are getting that food at lower prices than in most countries."

**Administration Change at Deep River:** Reconstruction Minister Howe has announced that by early next year Canada's atomic energy plant at Deep River, Ont., will come under administrative control of the Atomic Energy Control Board with the National Research Council in charge of physical operations. The plant was constructed by Defence Industries, Ltd., acting as contractor for the wartime Munitions Department.

Defence Industries also was charged with "certain operations of the project for war purposes," Mr. Howe said. "There yet remains certain work to be performed by Defence Industries, Ltd., which may take as long as two months or more to complete."

The National Research Council has been carrying on research at the plant, 125 miles northwest of Ottawa, since it was completed. (CP)

**T.C.A. Carries Millionth Passenger:** When Mrs. L.D. Nelles of Vancouver boarded a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane at Toronto for a flight to her home she became the millionth passenger to be carried by the line since it began operations in 1937 on a 122-mile air route from Vancouver to Seattle, Washington. She was presented with a wrist watch to mark the event. T.C.A. now has flown more than 500,000,000 passenger miles over 5,299 miles of routes.

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